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ON OUR COVER: A daffodil in conversation with a drift of grape hyacinths, perhaps comparing notes on the unseemly weather. Our garden editor, F. F. Rockwell, maintains that every home needs this pair of flowers to brighten a spare corner and to make the earliest bouquets. There's more about this spring cover on page 11. Photo by J. C. Allen & Son.

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MILLIONS of Americans are worrying and wondering if World War III is imminent, if Russia will dare attack us and, if so, when? We know that if it comes, the enemy will strike *first;* it will come suddenly, without warning, and from the air.

Are we doing anything about it? Yes, but not enough.

We know that Russia has more than 1,200 long range bombers. We know she has little need for this type of aircraft except for an attack against the United States. We know the Reds have recently finished a number of air bases in the northern part of Russia. We know that from those bases bombers can reach, in a matter of hours, *any* part of the United States.

And we know that they could rain destruction on almost one hundred of our largest cities at a single blow, with casualties in the millions.

Sounds frightening—and it is.

But only those enemy bombers that get through our defenses can hurt us. And that is where every American can make a vitally important contribution to his country, and to the safety of himself and his family.

To protect us against sudden attack, the Government has created a Continental Air Defense Command. Our Navy, Air Force and Army Anti-Aircraft command are on the job day and night. We are still expanding a huge radar network. It is in constant operation to warn us of approaching danger.

Unfortunately, radar has limitations. It can be jammed, and it is ineffective against planes flying at low altitudes. If bombers came at us flying low, they could sneak under our radar and give us a paralyzing blow.

If our Air Force is to protect us, it must have early warning of the enemy's approach. And since radar cannot be depended on fully, we must look to civilian plane spotters.

Already more than 300,000 patriotic citizens—men and women—have enlisted in the Ground Observer Corps. But a million volunteers are needed. And needed urgently.

The urgency is even greater since the recent "resignation" of Russia's Premier Malenkov and his replacement by Marshal Bulganin. Malenkov was considered a "man of peace" because he favored greater production of consumer goods; the appointment of Bulganin means greater emphasis on military production.

It was Bulganin who, only a year ago, made a saber-rattling speech in which he boasted that the Soviet Union had the strongest army in the world, that Soviet aviation was armed with "up-to-date jet planes," and that Soviet atomic secrets are "in the service of the army." He told the Russian people that "imperialist forces headed by the United States openly carry out a policy of preparing a new war against us and the People's Democracies," and declared that Russia must maintain its armed might because "it is known that he who does not go forward lags behind and he who lags is beaten."

Not very reassuring words, coming from the man who is now a top figure in the sinister group of the Kremlin.

We, too, must keep ourselves strong. We cannot afford to lag behind in our defensive measures. But we *are* lagging in the terribly important part of civilian defense contributed by plane spotters. It is hard to understand the apparent apathy of the people.

President Eisenhower himself has warned: "The potential of modern military offense is such that a surprise raid against this country could cause tremendous casualties. If that attack ever comes, warning must come through in time! Citizen volunteer plane spotters—ground observers—play a vital role in providing the necessary warning."

Every man and woman—even teenagers—who can devote as little as two hours a week, is needed, to watch the skies and operate the phones in the Ground Observer Corps. Those willing to help are urged to write or telephone to their Civil Defense Director *now.*

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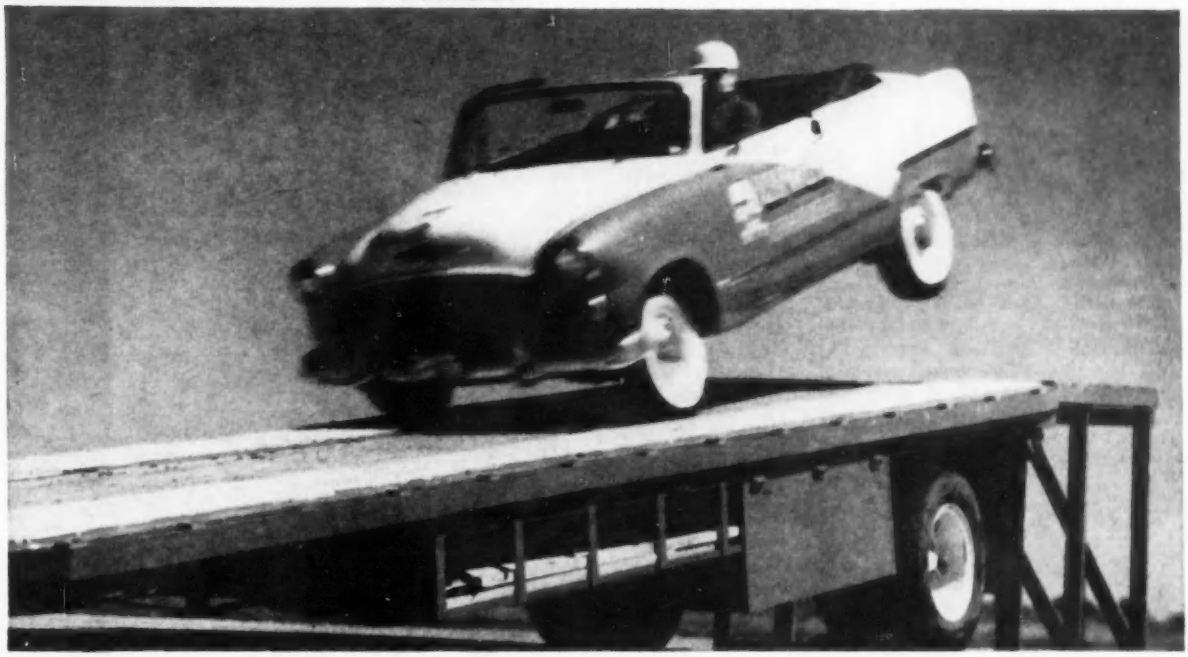

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LETTERS

CROWN POINT SPIRIT: Thanks for describing the community ski-center at Crown Point, N.Y. [January].

My roots are there, and I return as often as I can. Last winter I joined the Baldpate Ski Club, more because I admired its sponsors' enterprise than because I expected to enjoy its facilities very often.

Crown Point has a long tradition that began far back in Colonial times. This new expression of its spirit is quite in line with the town's past.

Albany, N. Y. ***E. Eugene Barker***

JENNY LOU'S SONG: In reading the success story of Joan Weber [February], I was exasperated that Harry David gave so little mention to the writer of *Let Me Go, Lover.*

Jenny Lou Carson is not just an obscure Salavation Army volunteer, but one of folk music's top tunesmiths. Writer of many hit songs over the years, including *Jealous Heart*, she is also a sister-in-law of Red Foley, one of folk music's leading singers and the former wife of Tiny Hill, pop band leader.

Lawrence, Mich. ***W. B. G.***

Well aware of Jenny Lou Carson's place as a songwriter, author David didn't call her obscure, did point to her Salvation Army career as the background through which the first version of Let Me Go, Lover *(about the evils of drink), was written.*—Editor

YUMMY! Your doughnut recipe article [February] had such a pretty illustration I was talked into making a batch of raised doughnuts the next day. My husband took some to work and got rave comments! Now they want me to make and sell them in the shop.

These doughnuts were the best ever. But then all your recipes are excellent. Thanks for supplying them.

Rock Island, Ill. ***Mrs. Cy Cowan***

MILITARY TRAINING: The other evening my 16-year-old son came into the kitchen and said: "Did you read what some old dame wrote to TOWN JOURNAL?" Yes, I had read the letter from "American Mother" [February] on military training.

My son was thoroughly disgusted. "What does she expect us to do, go into a war and get killed? The best-trained ones are the ones who live." And as he went out the door: "Workout for football isn't any fun, but it's necessary."

Delano, Calif. ***Mrs. A. T. Tenoso***

• • Our soldiers are given the opportunity and privilege of learning how to become useful under emergency con-

ditions, either in peace or in war, and how not to be a liability when and if the bombs fall. If that is "Prussianism," let's have more of it.

It's more than a bit disgusting to know that this "off with the heads" attitude exists in the confused mind of any woman fortunate enough to have produced a child who just might become a true American.

John Montgomery Mahon
Harrisburg, Pa.

• • I agree with "American Mother." As a young man who was in the paratroopers when 17, I know what the 'rigorous training' your Nazi-like article advocates is really like. I want no more of it. Down with militarism!

Westfield, Mass. ***Name Withheld***

COUNTY LIBRARIES: Your article about the Henry County, Mo., library [February] has caused quite a "buzz." It's the most exciting thing that's happened since my engagement.

Clinton, Mo. ***Ellen Rentchler***
Henry County Library

DISAGREEMENT: I enjoyed "If a Cat Can. . ." [January]. Jingo has almost the same story as our cat, The Happy Wanderer, even to the pedigree. Let's see more such light-hearted articles.

Mrs. Leslie Corney Jr.
Dearborn, Mich.

• • This article has unfortunate implications. The inference is that unwanted animals may be thrown out of the house and ignored. Not amusing.

Lexington, Ky. ***Mrs. Virgina Scherey***

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Because of Spring

(To be read on looking at the TOWN JOURNAL *cover)*

Because of daffodils upon the hill;
Because grape hyacinths are breaking through
The snow; because of wings that fill
The vast sky's infinite extent of blue
With eager onward joy—because once more
Earth grows more beautiful than I had dreamed
It could become again, my praises soar
To God, and I am stronger than I seemed.
I could not find a lovelier way
Through life's bewildering sorrows, than with the sight
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—Jane Merchant

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WAR ASSESSMENT: HIGH U.S. OFFICIALS ARE CONVINCED WAR IS NOT in the making. This is consensus of best information in Washington despite downfall of Malenkov, despite loud talk by Chinese Communists, despite tentative strikes toward Formosa and Pescadores by Red China. President Eisenhower will stick to reduction in Army manpower on the premise that building for long-term military strength is best deterrent to war.

KREMLIN ASSESSMENT: SHAKE-UP IN POLITBURO STEMS FROM WEAKNESS, not strength, within Soviet dictatorship. While things aren't falling apart, they're not good. Heavy industry is lagging, farm production is down. Result: Kremlin is turning back to one-man control. The powerful Communist Party Secretary, Nikita S. Khrushchev, is top man today.

KREMLIN'S GREATEST FEAR IS A RE-ARMED GERMANY, not a re-armed U.S. Soviet dread is that a strong Germany will breed more unrest in Moscow-held East Zone and may attempt to unite Germany by force. This is why Khrushchev has put in as Premier a political general, Marshall Nikolai Bulganin, who is satisfactory to the Red Army; and a military leader, competent General Georgi Zhukov, as Minister of Defense. Army influence goes up; is expected to be cautious.

FORMOSA ASSESSMENT: OUTLOOK IS WAR OF WORDS, NOT WAR OF ACTS. Best judgment is that Red China: (1) will not accept a negotiated cease-fire; (2) will not risk war with U.S. by attempting to take Formosa by force. It hasn't the ships, it hasn't the materiel. Moscow would have to service any all-out attack, and Soviets didn't relish the drain on its equipment which Korea imposed.

THERE WILL BE NO "PRIVILEGED SANCTUARY," AS IN THE KOREAN WAR, if the Chinese Communists actually carry out their threatened attack. We doubt that they will; but if so, U.S. planes are instructed to follow "in hot pursuit," which means chasing enemy planes to their home bases and destroying those bases, even on the Chinese mainland.

WASHINGTON DOES EXPECT TACIT CEASE-FIRE IN FORMOSA STRAIT to result from balance of military power in the Pacific. This will mean an end to the Chinese civil war, with Communists conceded in control of the mainland and Chiang Nationalists in control of Formosa.

IKE HAS NEVER BEEN CALMER, MORE BUOYANT than at recent White House press conferences. He has taken the heavy strains of the Formosa crisis, the fall of Mendes-France and the shifts in the Kremlin with more resilience than many of the minor, nagging domestic matters. According to his doctor, he is standing the wear and tear of his job remarkably well. He needs periodic relaxation and gets it with short golfing and hunting trips.

HERE ARE THE INSIDE REASONS WHY MOST REPUBLICAN LEADERS ARE CONVINCED that the President will run again. Most of them (not all) believe: (1) Eisenhower is the only Republican who can hold his party together in a national election; (2) he has the best chance of keeping the world at peace. If he remains physically fit, Ike's colleagues believe he will run in 1956.

CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN FAVORS THE PROPOSAL THAT HE ADDRESS CONGRESS periodically, perhaps every two years, on the "State of the Judiciary." He believes it would help Congress and the country carry forward needed judicial reforms. There is some opposition on the ground that

he would use the rostrum to advance himself politically. But friends of the Chief Justice know that he has put elective politics behind him.

URGENT ISSUES BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT NEED A FULL BENCH TO avoid possibility of split decisions. It has been nearly four months since the White House sent the name of Judge John Marshall Harlan to the Senate to succeed the late Justice Robert H. Jackson. Southern Democrats and G.O.P. Senator Langer of North Dakota are holding it up in Committee. One reason is they want to delay Court action on orders enforcing the de-segregation decision. There are plenty of votes to confirm Judge Harlan's nomination when it gets to the floor.

DEMOCRATIC STRATEGY IS NOW TAKING SHAPE IN THE 84TH CONGRESS. It has two purposes: one to appropriate as much of President Eisenhower's legislative program as possible, the other to foster and capitalize upon Republican Party divisions.

TO THIS END DEMOCRATIC LEADERS ARE UNANIMOUSLY BEHIND the President's liberal trade program, will support his highway plans, will try to increase his Federal aid to school construction, expand his health proposals. Probability now is that they won't even try to restore rigid farm price supports. They see no votes to be made in frontal opposition to Eisenhower. They figure a breach between the President and the Knowland Republicans on foreign policy is inevitable.

TAX REDUCTION NOW APPEARS LESS LIKELY FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO COME. The President's 10-year highway-construction program stands in the way of a tax cut--unless the $2,500,000,000-a-year project is to be financed outside the budget by long-term, pay-in-the-future bonds. Congressional conservatives, like Senator Harry Byrd, powerful chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, will not stand for such unorthodox financing.

LEFT-WING CHARGES THAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER IS CENSORING TV reporting of White House press conferences are without foundation. Press, radio and television as always are free to report, without direct quotation, all questions and all answers. The White House is releasing for all media more of the President's words for direct attribution.

DEMOCRATIC STRATEGISTS ARE ALARMED AT THE SUCCESS of the President's filmed-for-television press conferences. They see them as greatly increasing the national influence of a President who handles his press conferences effectively. They wonder what will happen when a Presidential election is under way.

THERE'S A 50-50 CHANCE OF HOLDING NON-COMMUNIST VIETNAM from Communist subversion. That is the view of General J. Lawton Collins who is training South Vietnamese troops. The new non-Communist government is gaining strength. It won't be easily overrun, but any all-out attack, equipped by Red China, could only be countered, in the end, by Western participation.

PENDING MERGER OF AF OF L AND CIO obviously will give labor a more powerful lobby in Washington and a stronger voice in national affairs. It should reduce one of the most troublesome causes of strikes--inter-union raiding--and it will strengthen the hands of AF of L leaders working to rid their unions of racketeers.

IS AN AMERICAN LABOR PARTY IN THE MAKING? That's the biggest unanswered question. Others are these: Will this new super-union become an adjunct of the Democratic Party, or will the Democratic Party become an adjunct of the merged unions? Will union members follow the political dictates of the union leaders? The full merging of the AF of L unions (10,000,000 members) with the CIO (5,000,000) will take several years.

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NEWSFRONT

"Shall I wait for the draft?"

Thousands of young fellows are asking. No one can tell them—for sure. But here are some useful tips straight from the Pentagon

By Monte Bourjaily Jr.*

If your son, or you, has ever had the frustrating experience of running around to the draft board and a half-dozen enlistment offices, trying to piece together the "score," we believe you'll appreciate this article which brings the picture up-to-date and puts it all in one place.—Editor.

"I JUST registered with the local draft board," Jim Perkins said as he settled on the edge of a chair in my living room. Jim is 18, a neighbor's son whom I've known since before the time I began reporting military news.

"Now what should I do? The board says its quota is full. It may be four years before they get to me.

"I know I've got to serve. I don't mind that," Jim went on, "but I don't want to waste my time. What choices do I actually have? Should I go to school? Should I try to get a job? Should I volunteer?"

Jim was facing the same questions that bother thousands of other young men up to 26, even older. To help Jim—and them—I've pieced together the answers. They're fully up-to-date.

There are five basic choices.

• • Jim can just sit tight, gambling that he won't be drafted, then serving two years *if* called.

• • He can join the National Guard.

• • He can volunteer for a longer term than the law requires in order to get certain advantages.

• • He can take a deferment in order to get an education.

• • He can volunteer for a special two-year Army hitch.

These five choices break down into the following ten specific courses of action:

1. Jim can take a long shot that he won't ever have to serve. Draft boards draw men first from the top of the age bracket (18½ to 26) and right now the average age of a draftee is 21½. If enlistments continue at the present rate over the next few years, draft boards will be tapping mostly 26-year-olds by 1961—and won't need all of them!

If the President's Reserve Training Program becomes law, there'll be less chance of escaping some sort of military service, because several hundred thousand more men than now will be trained each year.

2. He can join the National Guard before he is 18½ years old. (It accepts volunteers beginning at 17½ years.) His draft board will then defer him as long as he attends 90% of the Guard's drills (one night a week) and two-week summer camp for field training.

He must do this every year until he is 35. (An amendment has passed the House of Representatives changing this age to 26 but it hasn't become law yet.)

By joining the Guard, Jim will escape military service in peace-time. This lets him start early on a career. But many businesses won't give employees two weeks with pay for summer training and a vacation, too. Some even object to giving those two weeks without pay! If war strikes, Guardsmen will be the first to go. They know their units and jobs, and have better promotion possibilities than if drafted. But the chance of injury is higher, because they'll be in action early.

3. Suppose Jim starts college. Will he be able to go on?

That depends on him. If he ranks high, he may be deferred in order to graduate—or to do vital graduate work.

The Services encourage those who can absorb a college education to get it. With a good technical education, a man might get a commission or become a warrant officer. Medical students may become second lieutenants while interning and training as resident specialists.

Deferment doesn't mean that a man will escape military service. Those deferred for almost any reason—education, critical job, agricultural necessity—are draft-eligible until 35.

In many colleges, Jim can join a Reserve Officers Training unit, for the Army, the Navy or the Air Force. AFROTC is open to those who will agree to try to learn to fly, and also to a few engineering and science students. The Army, Navy and Marine Corps have Officer Candidate Schools. All are hard to get into and hard to pass—but the chance to earn a commission is there.

The Air Force takes a limited number of high school graduates as aviation cadets. Those who complete this tough course are commissioned.

"Any other choices?" Jim asked.

"Yes," I could answer, "volunteer—volunteer for a *long term* in any of the five services. Each thinks it's the

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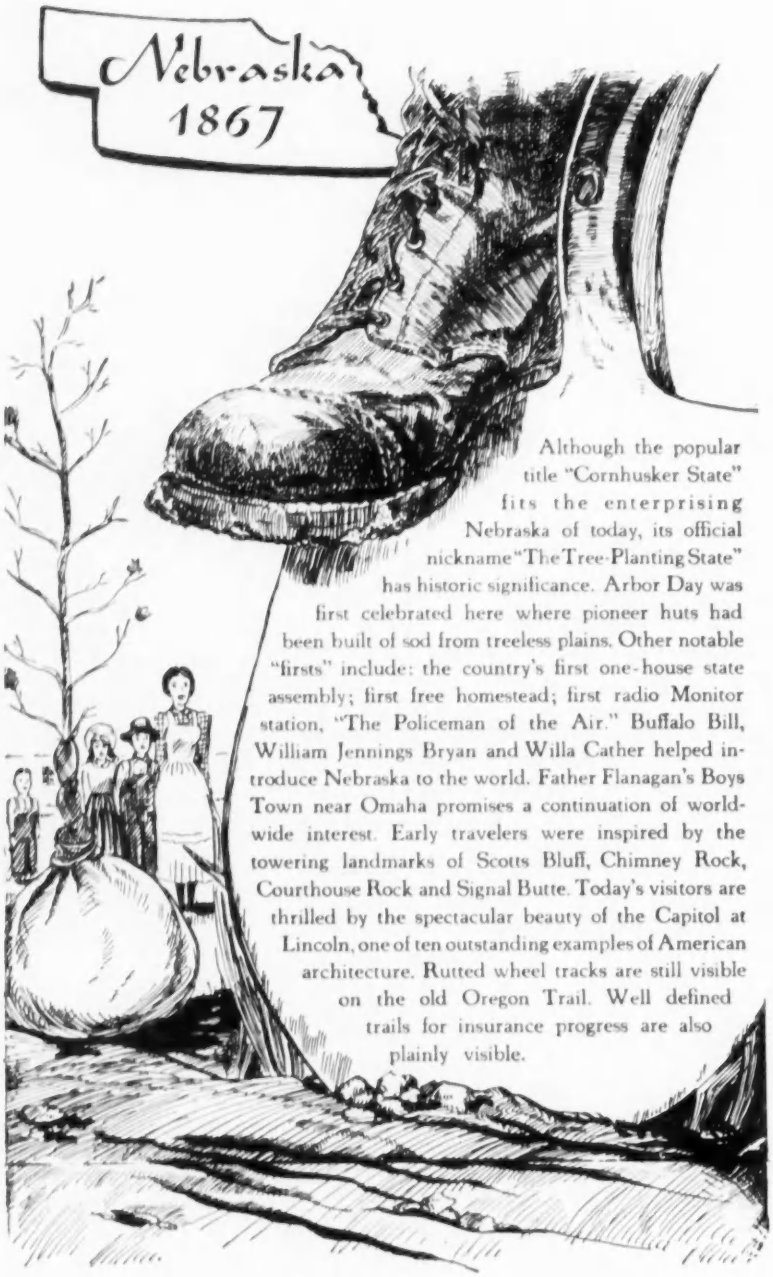

Although the popular title "Cornhusker State" fits the enterprising Nebraska of today, its official nickname "The Tree-Planting State" has historic significance. Arbor Day was first celebrated here where pioneer huts had been built of sod from treeless plains. Other notable "firsts" include: the country's first one-house state assembly; first free homestead; first radio Monitor station, "The Policeman of the Air." Buffalo Bill, William Jennings Bryan and Willa Cather helped introduce Nebraska to the world. Father Flanagan's Boys Town near Omaha promises a continuation of world-wide interest. Early travelers were inspired by the towering landmarks of Scotts Bluff, Chimney Rock, Courthouse Rock and Signal Butte. Today's visitors are thrilled by the spectacular beauty of the Capitol at Lincoln, one of ten outstanding examples of American architecture. Rutted wheel tracks are still visible on the old Oregon Trail. Well defined trails for insurance progress are also plainly visible.

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He can volunteer for any of six overseas areas, or for the Alaskan Communications System if he enlists in the Sixth Army area on the West Coast. Or he can sign on with one of the Army's "Gyroscope" units.

(Operation Gyroscope is a new Army program under which men are assigned to units which replace outfits from overseas. Right now, the 10th Infantry Division, the 3rd Armored Cavalry and the 508th Airborne Infantry regiments are taking volunteers.)

A high school graduate can volunteer for any of 107 different training courses after taking aptitude tests. Once accepted, the man must make passing grades and stay out of trouble. If he does, nine times out of ten he gets the job for which he prepared. However, except for highly trained specialists, assignments to units and places are catch-as-catch-can.

Promotion chances through Corporal are good; beyond that, slow.

6. The Navy. Volunteers must put in at least four years. Here's something new: the Navy now allows high school graduates to *select* training in any one of 61 specialties. (Before, the recruit could not choose.) Chances to get the job for which one is trained are better than nine to one.

Those who don't qualify under this new program are tested after they join to see what they can best learn to do. After basic training they go to school or duty according to the Navy's needs. Promotion chances are good in the lower grades.

7. The Air Force. Here the volunteer gets no choice. He is tested, trained, assigned according to his aptitudes and experience and the Air Force's needs.

Volunteers must sign up for four or more years. In the lower grades, pro-

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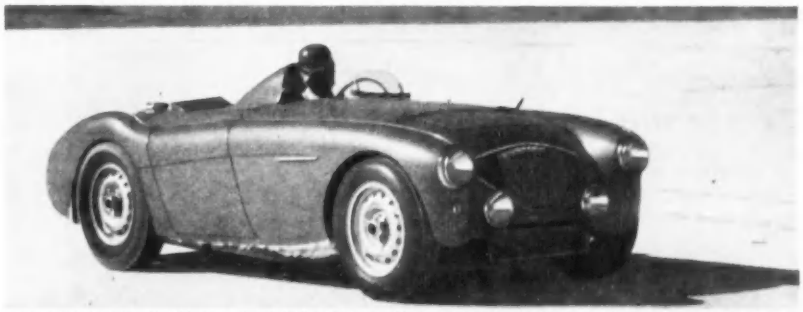

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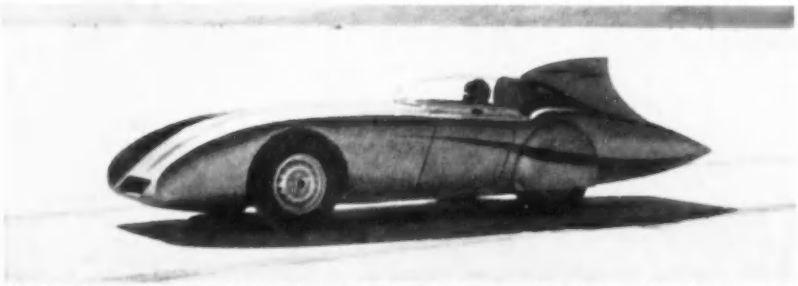

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CHILDREN OF NEW CHINA. Red poster prepares kids for future role, that of driving U.S. and "puppets" into sea.

How TOUGH is Red China?

Chinese Communist leaders talk brashly about Formosa. But could they really invade and capture the island? Here is the surprising answer

From top-level military and diplomatic sources, TOWN JOURNAL *has obtained an authentic, inside picture of Red China. Here is a timely evaluation of Mao Tse-tung's army, its strengths, its weaknesses—and what we can expect for Formosa.*—Editor.

WILL the Chinese Reds really try to take Formosa? And could they do it?

Our warning has been clear enough; but will the Reds heed it? Or, gambling on another bluff, will Mao Tse-tung unleash his armies in a cross-channel invasion? The best way to predict the probable course of Communist action—not only in the matter of Formosa, but in their over-all attitude toward us—is to examine the record of the past. Historically, the outlook for peace is bleak. For example, Peking has shouted so all the world can hear that it will "liberate" Formosa. And the Chinese Reds have an ugly habit of carrying out promises and threats.

One bloody example: in 1950 Mao solemnly warned that China would intervene in Korea if American forces crossed the 38th parallel; he kept his word.

For six years the Chinese Reds have been eyeing Formosa greedily. The island, rich and fertile, lies 130 miles off the Chinese mainland.

So in 1950, two Red Field Armies, the Third and the Fourth, began intensive amphibious training. Not long after, the Fourth Army proved that the training was effective by taking Hainan Island through a sea-borne assault coordinated with a fifth column uprising. In 1950 the Third Army's Deputy Commander, General Su Yu, described the proposed Formosan operation as "an extremely big problem that will involve the biggest campaign in the history of modern Chinese warfare."

Perhaps the Reds now feel that they have the problem licked, for last September the aggressive General Su was promoted over the heads of seniors to become Chief of Staff of the entire People's Liberation Army—a name not casually bestowed on the Red land forces. At the same time, General Teng Hua, the conqueror of Hainan, was named to command "operations against Formosa."

To Mao, the capture of Formosa means simply the end of the Civil War. The presence of Nationalist forces there

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SHOW OF STRENGTH. Recent Peking military review produced an array of mobile rocket launchers.

China's army is a dragon, but can it cross water?

is evidence that Mao has not wholly won that war. The Nationalists also serve to embarrass the Reds internationally and thwart the recognition they seek.

The American Seventh Fleet may or may not be a deterrent to a Red attack on the island. It is well to remember that the Chinese have never been afraid of the U.S. They did not hesitate to attack our forces in Korea. In the face of U.S. warnings, they bolstered the Viet Minh in Indochina.

For years Peking's propagandists have been jeering at American military strength. Red leaders have repeatedly labeled the U.S. a "paper dragon." Mao Tse-tung even has a contemptuous disrespect for atomic weapons. "At Bikini," he once said, "the atomic bomb didn't kill all the pigs."

Formosa is unfinished business on Mao's war agenda. And underlying the conquest of Formosa is a very real question of Asiatic "face." Mao has publicly and repeatedly promised to drive the Nationalists from the island. Failure to make good would cost him severe loss of "face."

The ruler of Red China is an accomplished practitioner of war. Neither long wars nor extensive destruction dismay him. And all the evidence of his many recorded statements and subsequent actions indicates that he does not bluff often.

But the real question is not *if* Mao will attack Formosa, but whether he could take it. Let's have a look at Red China's armed strength.

In terms of manpower, China's forces constitute an awesome Dragon composed of 2,500,000 armed men plus 700,000 militia. But when viewed logistically, the Dragon stands on paper legs. For China lacks the industrial base to support a modern mechanized army. It produces only small arms and ammunition. Unable to manufacture its own planes and tanks, it must buy them from the Soviet Union—and pay in hard cash or desperately needed commodities like food.

Here are the cold facts about Red China's military might:

• • **Army:** The People's Liberation Army is primarily an infantry-weighted force organized into about 200 fighting divisions of some 11,000 men each. Since 1949 the Chinese have been reorganizing along Soviet lines.

The PLA is a foot-marching and foot-fighting army, lacking the high ratio of motor transport, radios, medical and logistical support common to Western armies. The PLA even lacks standard arms; its ordnance is a patchwork of American, Japanese and Soviet weapons.

But since 1952 the USSR has been supplying the PLA with quantities of artillery and truck-mounted rocket launchers. The infantry-artillery balance now runs closer to our own and the effectiveness of Chinese big guns was amply demonstrated in Korea. Well-supplied with Russian T-34 medium tanks, the PLA now has an armored striking force comprising several divisions.

The PLA's commander, General Chu Teh, is an aging man who has never been afraid to sacrifice troops. Since 1937 more than five million of his men have been casualties.

• • **Air Force:** The Red air fleet —fourth largest in the world—is lethally modern, containing Soviet MIG 15 fighters and IL-28 bombers, along with a mixture of Soviet and U.S. transport

PROPAGANDA PARADE. During National Day celebration in Peking last fall, marchers carry map of Taiwan (Formosa) bearing fiery slogan, *Taiwan Must Be Liberated!*

WIDE WORLD

COMMANDER. General Teng Hua, a brilliant, resourceful tactician, has been named to head all Communist forces in the threatened invasion of Formosa.

RED SAILS IN THE SUNSET. Mao's strange Navy depends on armed junks to transport troops. Reds have 10,000 such as these available to invade Formosa.

planes. Of China's 3,000 planes, at least 1,500 are jets. The Air Force is strong on fighters and growing steadily stronger on bombers. But it lacks the potential for immediate airlift of the PLA's several thousand paratroopers. The increasing strength of the air arm was evidenced by a recent 150-plane attack against the Tachen Islands.

The Air Force is land-based, with many of its fields lying opposite Formosa. All fuel has to come from Russia. This oil, along with tanks and the other merchandise of modern war, must travel across the Trans-Siberian Railway to reach China. Thus the Air Force is peculiarly vulnerable.

It was a long trip from Russia to Korea, but it is one-third longer to the South China coast. Combat losses and fuel could not be replaced nearly so rapidly as in the Korean conflict. And if the Trans-Siberian Railway were knocked out, the Air Force might eventually be unable to get off the ground.

• • **Navy:** This is negligible, with its effectiveness severely limited. However, since 1950 the Navy has been readying itself to attack Formosa.

The Chinese Navy consists of one British-built cruiser, several destroyer escorts and possibly a few Soviet submarines. Also available are some 10,000 junks, many of them armed and motorized. Assorted U.S. and Russian landing craft, including several LSTs and a number of Soviet torpedo boats fill out the Navy's amphibious arm.

The Reds value their junks highly. Extremely seaworthy, they can transport at least 35 divisions. Fleets of these small vessels can emerge simultaneously from several hundred small coastal ports and inlets, presenting a multitude of tiny, bewildering targets at sea. However, the junks lack the communications systems necessary to coordinate a full-scale invasion, and weather conditions along the South China coast are notoriously bad.

We must remember that the Chinese have been waging war on a logistical shoestring since 1927. Having succeeded time and again with the barest resources and material, they have supreme confidence in themselves. A massive junk assault fleet supported by land-based aircraft, torpedo boats and a submarine or two is a lot more modern to Peking's eyes than it is to ours.

Nevertheless, can the Reds take Formosa? The answer is no.

Communist China's armed might lies mainly in the endurance and fighting potential of its massive infantry. And while the Red Dragon may be eminently well-fitted for conventional warfare on the large land mass of China, it cannot successfully venture off-shore. Its paper feet will collapse in a soggy mass and the Dragon will drown! **End**

Don't raise your boy

By Paul Friggens

Bob Friggens says . . .

The best thing about this story is something my dad and I discovered together. Maybe you can find it too

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BOB'S MOTHER AND SISTER took it philosophically when they found carburetors on the kitchen table and motor oil in a roasting pan during the Great Cadillac Crisis.

ONE night two years ago, when I was in Philadelphia on business, I got an urgent telephone call from my son, Bob, at our home in Boulder, Colo.

"Pop, I've got a big deal on. I've lined up a car I want to buy."

Bob had just turned 16 and I wasn't entirely surprised at the idea. On the morning of his birthday, he had practically camped on the courthouse steps waiting to take his driver's test.

"I suppose you want a hot rod," I said.

"No, Pop, I've spotted a Cadillac."

I gasped. "What on earth do you want with a *Cadillac*?"

"To deliver my telegrams," was the earnest reply.

That winter Bob had been using his bicycle to deliver for Western Union, pedaling up and down Boulder's icy mountain streets before and after school. Now for about $300 he wanted to buy a repossessed Cadillac and make his deliveries in comfort!

"Ridiculous!" I said. "You must have gone out of your mind. I'll write you a letter."

I imagined that Bob's voice quivered a bit as he said good night. I sat down to write a fatherly letter.

"Son, at 16, your grandfather came to this country a penniless immigrant. By dint of his pioneering I was able to go to college and progress a bit further. Now, Bob, you have the best chance of all. That's the American way. But we haven't arrived at the point where you can peddle telegrams by Cadillac!"

I dispatched my advice airmail, special delivery. I could just picture my son reading the letter and maybe someday reading it to *his* son. I turned in.

Early next morning, I was awakened by another urgent long-distance call.

"Pop, I've talked it over again with Mom and I've just got to get that car. It's a sharp car and worth a lot more than $300, and another guy's after it!" Then he used his clinching arguments.

On his birthday, his mother and I had warned against the risks of riding in old jalopies. "With this big, safe car," Bob argued now, "you'll never have to worry." We had also tried to teach him not to fritter his money away, but to save it for something big and purposeful. Now the comeback: "Pop, I've been saving my money for three years, and what better can I get with it than a Cadillac!"

Clearly talked down, I gave my reluctant okay. Since then our family has progressed from one Cadillac crisis to another.

Now, my son's Cadillac was a 1941 Fleetwood sedan, and a specialty number for which collectors pay fancy prices. It was equipped with just about everything that designers could dream up for a pre-war car, including a Sunshine Turret Top—a sliding roof panel that enabled you to lounge back and scan the skies. But it had only one carburetor, and Bob was determined to have *double* carburetors, the hot-rodders' "necessity." After days of searching, he located a second carburetor on a wrecked Cadillac

AUTHOR FRIGGENS WAS BAFFLED when son Bob insisted he needed this luxury automobile to deliver telegrams; even more confused at the heap of spare parts in the basement. But by now he admits he's learned a lot about cars—and more about boys.

ambulance. He raced home with his prize and commenced to tear it down and rebuild it on our kitchen table.

We had carburetors for breakfast, lunch and dinner. In order to set the kitchen table, his mother had to remove a bewildering assortment of metering rods, float gauges, power by-pass valves, bolts, springs and "idle" screws. She gave Bob her largest jelly-roll pan to keep the litter of parts together.

One day I took a hand. "If they needed two carburetors on this thing, engineers would have supplied them in the first place," I said. "Besides, everybody knows that two carburetors will use double the amount of gas. Who's going to buy *that?*"

"It's just the opposite, Pop. Twin carburetors are being put on lots of new Cads. They give better gas distribution to the cylinders and step up both pickup and mileage."

When he had finished rebuilding *both* carburetors, Bob began dragging inside other engine parts to clean and examine. It was bitter-cold in the garage, so we consented to the invasion. Pretty soon Cadillac parts soaking in distillate shoved us out of our breakfast nook. On Thanksgiving his mother looked for her roaster and found it in the basement—full of crankcase oil!

About this time I had to go away again, so I left some parting advice: "Put back the single carburetor the way it was and leave well enough alone."

I returned to find that we were a two-carb family. Bob had cut open an intake manifold and redesigned it with mounts for double carburetors. He had welded the job himself. I was just in time for the trial run.

With a show of triumph, the young mechanic adjusted the throttle linkage to the twin carburetors and signaled for me to step on the starter. The Fleetwood roared, backfired and we were off for the road test. We noticed at once that the engine was running rough. "Carburetors not set right," Bob explained. Now the engine began to miss badly. Bob looked worried.

We barely made it back home. In his haste and inexperience, Bob had done a poor welding job, leaving bits of brass inside the manifold. Sucked into the combustion chamber with the gas, they had seriously damaged the

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AMBULANCE SERVICE IN ACTION. Warwick volunteers expertly remove an injured driver from the wreckage of his truck. Seven minutes after the accident, he was on his way to the hospital.

REFRESHER COURSE. Every Ambulance Service member must attend frequent first aid classes. These two men work out a complex problem in the use of a traction splint.

Doctors and hospitals aren't enough!

Every community needs an ambulance—and trained men in it. Warwick's volunteers have a plan that any town can follow

By John Lewis Stage

ERRAND OF MERCY. Warwick's modern ambulances are a common—and reassuring—sight to families throughout the county. In emergency, ambulances hit 60 miles per hour even on poor roads.

AMERICA's towns and villages are now enjoying the finest medical care in their history. More and more small, but excellently equipped and staffed, hospitals are being built in communities of 3,000 to 4,000 population. In other small places, doctors have grouped together to build clinics so that all may use the modern operating rooms, X-ray and other specialized equipment that no single practitioner could underwrite by himself.

Yet with this fine progress there has been a lag in the medical picture that has made many a rural doctor wince with pain. That lag is the care and transportation of the sick and injured from the time of an accident until they reach the supervision of the profes-

PHOTOS: JOHN LEWIS STAGE, BRACKMAN ASSOCIATES

ROUTINE MISSION. Answering a typical call in the village of Warwick, the Ambulance Service transports a sick townsman from his home to the hospital. All services are free; specialized medical equipment is also furnished without charge.

sionally trained medical people. A farm tractor overturns and pins the driver, a carpenter falls from the roof, a vacationer in a mountain cabin suffers a sudden heart attack—and the story of what happens before the patient reaches the hospital may make a sad tale.

The unconscious farmer may be dragged from beneath the tractor, bundled into the back of the farm truck and rushed to a doctor. Seldom does anyone give a thought to internal injuries or fractures—or shock from unwise handling. Usually friends and spectators have just one idea: get the man to a hospital quick!

Time can be an important factor in saving life, but in 90% of the cases the seconds saved are cancelled out, many times over, by the untrained, over-enthusiastic but well-meaning spectators on the scene.

This medical lag so disturbed Dr. Harry C. Sayre, health officer of Warwick, N. Y. (population 4,021), that he took action. It was during the early years of World War II, and Dr. Sayre was teaching a course in Red Cross first aid to a group of community leaders, merchants, professional men and craftsmen. At the end of the course the doctor devoted part of one evening to a summary of Warwick's medical assets and liabilities. Warwick had a fine new hospital which also served many surrounding communities with their population of 10,000. There were enough doctors, even for the summer when 50,000 vacationers live in that part of the Catskill Mountains.

Yet emergency patients continued to arrive in farm trucks, grocery wagons and family cars, many of them injured more by handling and transportation than by the original accident.

On that evening was born the idea for the Warwick Community Ambulance Service, an independent organization of highly skilled volunteers, available every minute of the year to render intelligent first aid, then swiftly but carefully transport the sick and injured in a modern ambulance.

The response of the townsfolk was immediate and overwhelming. Six thousand dollars were contributed in six weeks, enough for a year's supply of oxygen, medicines, bandages *and* a sleek, modern ambulance.

It arrived just in time for Joe Fotino, a butcher, who'd broken his ankle. Joe was pleased and all Warwick was impressed when he learned his trip to the hos-

CAPTAIN. Fred Freericks is the Service's key man. Telephone operators route all calls to him. He in turn contacts the other men and assigns them to missions.

PHOTOS: BRACKMAN ASSOCIATES

FOUNDER. Dr. Harry C. Sayre, Warwick health officer, proposed the idea of a community ambulance corps in 1942. Town leaders raised sufficient funds in six weeks. Sayre is the Service's president.

Doctors and hospitals

George Hart
Building materials dealer

Bill Miller
Monument worker

Douglas and Lawrence Stage
Lawyers

Charlie Lewis
Automobile salesman

TYPICAL MEMBERS. The Service's workers, all volunteers, come from every walk of life. Each is motivated by a desire to make Warwick a better, safer town.

pital cost him not one penny. Nor would it, had he been whisked to New York City, a 3½-hour round trip.

No one pays for any service the Ambulance Corps can supply. But once a year Warwick citizens may contribute, and in ten years they've oversubscribed the goal ten times!

In 1951 another ambulance was added so that two calls may be answered simultaneously. Iron lungs, oxygen tents, extra resuscitators, wheel chairs, hospital beds, training walkers, crutches and equipment are now available for home use. There is surplus money, too, invested in a local building and loan association, to provide for the automatic replacement of equipment.

Babies have been born and people have died in the ambulances. These vehicles have gone through blizzards and floods, but the majority of the 500-plus calls each year are routine. In normal operation the procedure is this:

A doctor in a patient's home or a spectator at an accident reaches a telephone and tells the operator, "Ambulance."

The call is immediately put through to Fred Freericks, Ambulance Corps captain, who works in a department store and whose whereabouts are known to the telephone operators 24 hours a day. It takes Freericks only 15 to 30 seconds to get the information, type of emergency, specialized equipment needed, location.

A minute later Freericks has phoned three of his men, and they are on their way. If conditions warrant, the hospital is alerted for an emergency.

The ambulance, centrally located in the business section, is on its way within four minutes of the first call.

The system is simple, but efficient. The key man, of course, is Fred Freericks, who has made a study of the living and working habits of his members. He knows, for example, that on Wednesdays Ray Henshaw, a newspaper man, will be busy printing the weekly paper, and Lawrence Stage, a lawyer, will be at his out-of-town office. He also knows that Bill Miller, owner of the monument works, is one of the best men when it comes to first aid, and that Charlie Lewis, an auto salesman, knows every road, lane and alley for miles around. He also knows which of the newer men needs more experience, and Freericks often sends such a man in company with two veterans, so that he may gain confidence.

The informal training is coupled with the formal Red Cross first aid courses each man must take before becoming a member, and all members take refresher courses periodically.

This fine group of two dozen merchants, dentists, lawyers, salesmen, laborers and craftsmen has contributed high service to their community. What they do is unusual—but not so unusual as you may think.

Some 300 towns in the United States, Canada and Mexico have similar ambulance service—tuned to civil defense for war as well as peace. They're loosely linked in an International Rescue and First Aid Association. Through one of its officers—Don Dunnington, 5929 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda, Md.—you can get tips on how to set up a life-saving service for your town.

Why not? **End**

Are we headed for a BUST?

Is this a time to buy stocks or are they too high? Is the housing boom getting out of hand? This article will help you make up your mind

By Arthur Moore

IF YOU have a family to support, a job to keep, or an income to maintain, you feel some kind of emotional quiver when you see a newspaper headline like this:

STOCK MARKET SETS NEW HIGH—TOPS 1929 PRICES.

You've been reading headlines like that for months now. More likely there's a twinge of anxiety—particularly if you are over 45 and were personally affected when the stock market collapsed in 1929.

But how often do we stop and match our emotions against the latest facts? Try this test: Before reading further, put a check in one of the squares below—the one that comes closest to your feelings about the current boom in stock prices.

Makes me feel good: ☐

Makes me worry a little: ☐

Then later note your feelings again in light of the facts brought out in this article. You may be surprised to find yourself changing from one answer to the other.

A Congressional committee headed by Senator J. William Fulbright is in the midst of an elaborate inquiry into the stock market. But the real problem is bigger than just security prices: The problem is speculation and our general economic health.

Let's take a balanced look at the two areas where speculation is most feared: The stock market and the boom in housing. Town Journal has talked with men who make a specialty of studying underlying trends in both fields. We talked to officials who make key economic decisions in Washington, to independent security analysts, to big private investors and to housing authorities. We stayed away from people who have securities or houses to sell.

First, the stock market. It attracts the most attention, which is natural. As a matter of common sense, we all know our jobs and our incomes tend to be more secure when the market is rising than when it is falling wildly, as it did late in '29. None of us—whether we own stocks or not—want the market to crash under the burden of a new wave of speculation.

Is it going to?

No. Not on the basis of anything the experts now foresee.

They are watchful and cautious, *but not one of them sees a 1929 collapse in the offing.*

You'll note there are two sides to the picture: Caution and confidence.

Here are the five most frequently cited reasons for caution.

1. *Stock prices are high; judged by traditional standards.* An old rule of thumb is that a stock is conservatively priced if it sells for 10 times the company's earnings per share. High grade issues—the blue chips—have been selling for around 15 times the earnings. But that's still below the 1929 peak, when prices ballooned to 25 times earnings!

2. *Yields are low.* At recent prices, the blue chips pay investors somewhere around 4 or 5%; a few as low as 2%, a few higher. You can put your money in a Government-insured savings and loan account and get 3½%.

3. *More and more stocks are being bought on credit.* At present 52% of all buyers admit using credit, compared to 42% last March and 34% in 1952. It is borrowed money that feeds runaway speculation. This trend is worth watching carefully.

4. *The market is unusually sensitive to rumors.* Particular issues swing widely on the basis of groundless tips. This is typical of a speculative market. The magazine *Business Week* recently called it "an unhealthy tendency to overvalue good news." *Financial World* warned against "succumbing to mob psychology." Both mentioned the possibility of a drop in prices—not a collapse, but what the experts call a "technical correction."

5. *Farm income is not going up with the rest of the economy.* The thoughtful people we've been talking to cite the 1920s. During those years, farm income dropped while the rest of the country prospered. It was a major contributing factor to the depression when the crash finally came. Until agriculture shares fully in the country's generally rising prosperity, many experts question the fundamental soundness of the economy.

Now for the healthy side of the picture.

1. *Use of credit for stock purchases is still low—very low—compared to 1929.* Then it was 25% of the market value of shares. Now it's 3%.

2. *Use of credit can be curbed.* This is a powerful weapon the Government did not have in 1929. It was customary then to require only $1,000 cash payment—or margin—for $10,000 worth of stock. Under rules enforced by the Federal Reserve, $6,000 cash is re-

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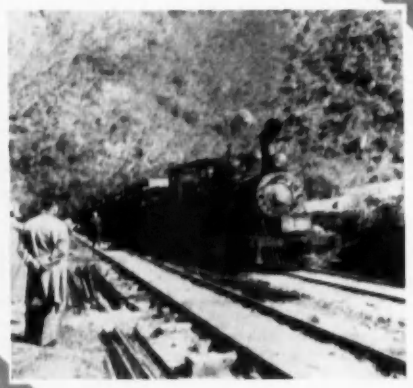
I'm the one in Poncho in Andes... not Hernando

I went by bus to Buenos Aires

And you can, too—for $106 in fares! Travel the length of Latin America—past palaces and pyramids and jungles

By Norman Ford*



Train to Machu Picchu is old but can climb!

PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR

Night run on Jambeli costs 58¢... no berth!

I'VE just taken the most exciting bargain trip on earth. And you can do it, too—riding 8,500 fabulous miles through Central and South America—from Texas to Buenos Aires—mostly by bus. Brief stretches had to be covered by rail and ship, one even in a dugout canoe. But these are all scheduled services that will take you the length of Latin America in 34 days of actual travel for $106.63 in fares!

What's more, you can make the return trip by air, as I did—at one-third to two-thirds the regular fares of major U.S. airlines! For Latin America is a paradise of bargain travel—if you know how to go about it. For $14 you can ride by train through the twisted Mato Grosso jungle from the Bolivian mountains to the coast of Brazil; for less than $70 you can cross the towering Andes from Peru and sail by launch and riverboat down the mighty Amazon; $64 will buy you steamer passage for an end run around South America—from Valparaiso, down Chile's rugged Inland Waterway, through the Strait of Magellan, then up the Argentine coast to Buenos Aires.

Yes, you *can* do this! And more comfortably than the prices may suggest. (I spent only four nights at simple country inns, ate fewer than a dozen meals of Indian fare at primitive roadside spots.) You'll get a lot more out of such a trip than by spending five times as much to travel in the isolated luxury of a standard conducted tour. For "you have to take the worst buses to get to the most unspoiled areas." That thought was voiced by Alice Hitchcock, a lone American girl I met traveling the upland byways of Peru.

Do you, too, hanker for travel-folder palaces and pyramids, volcanoes and jungle waterfalls, tropical beaches and Indian villages? Do you want to see tribes ruled by women and primitive people who still paint their bodies and hunt with blow pipes? Or treetops weighed down by monkeys and parrots?

Well, here's how I did it:

I crossed the border into Mexico at Laredo, then took a bus to Mexico City—a busy cosmopolitan capital where modern chrome and concrete blend under the bright sun with lacy Spanish architecture and the art of the ancient Aztecs. I found perfectly acceptable budget-style hotel rooms with bath for $1.20 a day. And a well-cooked, five-course dinner for 38¢. (Average daily cost of room and meals during stopovers on this trip ran all the way from $1.20 in Argentina to a more typical $4 in Peru and Ecuador and an unusual $6 in Venezuela.) On one side trip, I visited Cuernavaca, Taxco and Acapulco—for $4.50 in fares, round trip.

With stopovers at Puebla and Oaxaca, both famed tourist centers, buses brought me to cobblestoned Tehuantepec. A mere male, I was far beneath the notice of the beautiful Tehuana women rulers bathing nude in roadside rivers. (An alternative $27 route—via Veracruz—takes you to the stupendous Maya ruins of Yucatan.)

The trip continued through tropical forest to the Guatemalan frontier—and a colossal climb, over a road like a dried-up river bed, between towering

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Puerto Bolivar	SHIP	.58	23
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Lima	BUS	$7.54	25
Arequipa	BUS	$5.05	26
Puno	RAIL	$ 1.88	27
Guaqui	SHIP	$3.26	28
La Paz	RAIL	.28	29
Buenos Aires	RAIL	$8.03	30
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Enjoy a tropical world of your own

HESS, THREE LIONS

RAREST OF ALL TROPICAL FISH is the little Aruana, a "living fossil." There are only three of these priceless fish in the U.S.

A far cry from familiar goldfish, "exotics" are colorful fun. They offer a relaxing hobby with deeper values than you'd expect from just a "tankful of tiny brilliance"

BY PETER J. CELLIERS

IT ALL started with a pair of Guppies. There were 49 of them in the container by the time I got home!"

That's the usual rueful story of the tropical fish fancier—surrounded by an array of tanks, a welter of gadgets, buckets full of conditioned water and jars of writhing worms and dancing water fleas. But don't be fooled by the wry humor—the hobbyists are really crazy about these tiny, brilliantly colored pets living out their lives in bright little worlds you can create for them.

Keeping and raising tropical fish—or "exotics" as more precise experts term them—is an absorbing hobby. It is the focus of a $100-million-a-year business of dealers, importers, breeders and equipment manufacturers. And that's a conservative estimate. The hobby supports two national magazines and some 200 amateur societies in this country alone. It keeps scores of commercial collectors busy in swamps and streams, mountains and jungles, often at risk of their lives, in places as far removed as South America, Central Africa and Western China.

What is the lure of tropicals? No one thing, I believe. They are beautiful; there is romance in their origin and challenge in their breeding; as pets, they take little space and less care and pay off in unceasing contentment. And that, I believe, is the prime reason: In the cool, calm waters of a home aquarium there is a sort of escape from the hustling world of everyday.

Here is another world. It mirrors and shrinks our own self-importance—as we watch a stately Angelfish thread between tall leaves after a morsel of food, dodging the nip of a busy black Mollie, planing gently alongside its mate or scattering tiny Neons like bits of shattered sapphire as it coasts around a jagged rock.

I can laugh at myself in the antics of a silly South American Catfish, sense the pettiness of a business rival in the aggressions of a minute Tiger Barb, see my banker cut down to size in the pompous, nervous Hatchet fish. Is this perhaps how we, in our fishbowl of a universe, appear to God? This sobering thought will quickly shrink all troubles!

I know it has often come to me as I potter happily for hours on end, cleaning and beautifying my tanks, setting new plants in delicate submarine gardens, and growing food for the fry. My wife isn't too happy about the worm cultures and jars of Daphnia (water fleas) that infest her refrigerator. But she, too, is sold on the fascinating underwater life of yellow gravel and dark rock, of waving green leaf groves and lumbering snails, of miniature marine monsters and the darting flecks of light that are born and mate and die, that play and fight in a dramatic microcosm of life itself.

Of course, with my several tanks, I'm a mere piker. One "kitchen breeder" I know sells about 10,000 White Clouds a year for a gross of about $1,200 in side income. There are more substantial rewards: By breeding the relatively rare Discus fish, you could get $50 to $60 each; a pair of proven breeders would fetch up to $1,000. For although most of the hundred species handled by U.S. retailers cost between 9¢ and $2 each, many sell in the $10 range and prize specimens of great rarity run into thousands.

That is unusual, of course. Even famed collector Auguste Rabaut was paid only $250 apiece when he brought the first Neon Tetras out of the Amazon jungle. (Today you'll pay about $1.) It took Rabaut five months of fighting through unexplored territory to get them out with a batch of 30,000 other fish.

That's a far cry from the modern business methods of wholesale importers like Ferd Cochu of Paramount Aquariums—who maintains two "flying aquariums" shuttling between Brazil and his "quarantine" tanks in Florida.

Tropical fish keeping was launched about 80 years ago—when the Japanese introduced goldfish into this country. But interest in these rather monotonous fish soon waned. It took the West Indian Guppy, fast-breeding and colorful, to revive the hobby in 1900. Brighter, more novel varieties kept interest high thereafter. Tropicals proved far more rewarding than goldfish—and

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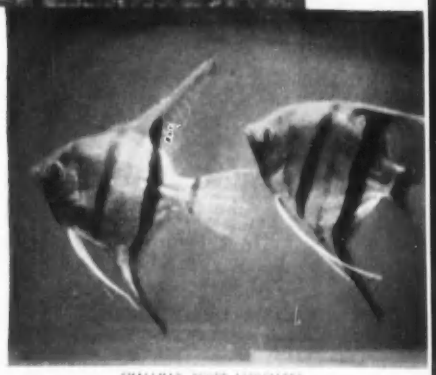
HESS, TIGER LIONS

THIS PANORAMA OF TROPICALS shows 18 of the most popular of the 100-odd species sold as aquarium fish in America—including long-finned Siamese fighting fish, jet-black Mollies, chesty Hatchets, Tiger Barbs, Platies, Danios, Zebras, Lyretails, Rasboras.



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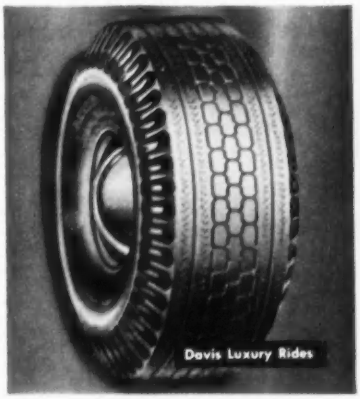

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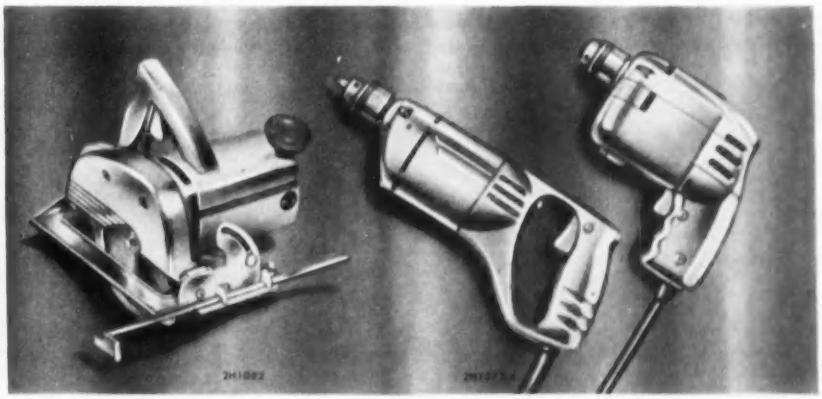

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Who's smarter—

PHOTOS: HANK AND VERA BRADSHAW

WE SET OUT DECOYS. You need some kind of owl—stuffed or store-bought—and several life-like crows. Look—there's one coming already!

A CROW EXPLODES in feathers at Fred's shot. He's been crow-shooting now for nigh onto 80 years. Several perched birds are our decoys.

FRED RETRIEVES the first bird to show Paul (right) and me. Fallen birds should be kept out of sight. Our portable blind is made of chicken wire laced with tall grass. It needs to be eye-tight; crows have amazing sight . . . . This was the day that tested crow vs. man.

Hunters or crows?

Sometimes it's one, sometimes the other. The crow is wily; that's why he makes such good winter sport

By Hank Bradshaw

THIS time the *crows* were smarter. Three of us crouched in a blind and watched. Crows by the thousands were flying into an evergreen grove a mile away—a line of black dots strung out as far as we could see against a vermilion Iowa sunset.

The line circled above a dark grove, then disappeared into the thick trees. We had been fooled again.

We crow hunters had tried decoying crows on the way to their nightly roost, but we had missed their flyway. We had shivered through an afternoon of winter cold for nothing.

Nothing? Well, not quite. For the afternoon, and the two days previous, had given us "vital" information to use for the next hunt.

- We'd located the crows' roost. We'd followed unsuspecting birds on the previous day (for 20 miles by car).
- We'd spotted their evening airpath when either a northwest (like today) or west wind (like yesterday) was blowing. We'd wait for such winds.
- We had the farmer's OK to hunt.

Trying to out-think and outmaneuver a crow—the smartest bird that flies—is a big part of the fun of crow hunting, a sport that lasts from fall to spring.

Once you try it, you'll vow that no other hunting tops it. Then, too, you don't have to get up at break of dawn; crows decoy best on balmy afternoons. It's inexpensive, ammunition being the main item; and, as a rule, you can find a flock of crows near your home. Besides, it furnishes hunting when otherwise there wouldn't be any.

Crow populations, already large, are increasing, and since crows are classified as "pests," there are no restrictions—no license, no closed seasons, no bag limits.

On top of that, there's plenty of thrilling action.

That was why, huddled in our blind, our anticipation was high. "Must be ten thousand black rascals out there," said Fred Carlson. "Next trip we'll get 'em."

Fred still maintains that people are smarter than crows. He's been getting the goods on crows for nearly 80 years now. But Fred is an unusual human.

On this particular afternoon we had missed the flyway because the wind had changed from west to northwest, causing the birds to alter their route.

Crows are the greatest "wind-drifters and tackers" in the bird kingdom; each wind shift shunts them along a different course. You can miss a flyway by a hundred yards and still get a few birds over your decoys. But miss more than that and you're licked.

Why didn't we shoot right into the roost? All our detective work would have been wasted. Shoot into a roost and the crows move out. Leave a roost alone and the crows will use it regardless of the bombardment along the flyway. That way you'll have good shooting all season.

We never set up a blind in the same spot twice. Crows have a long memory. But a move of a hundred yards or so along the flyway is all it takes.

Crows have flyways in all four directions from a roost. They "feed out" in the morning and "feed back" in the afternoon. For some reason, more birds feed south. We usually set out our decoys so that birds will be flying into the wind. They're lower and slower targets.

Satisfied that the last of the birds had gone to bed, we picked up and drove home, pausing for a moment beside the roadside roost to listen to the raucous cawing—a noise to make a trigger finger itch.

Three days later, we made a beeline for the roost. This was THE day. A gentle northwest wind and the temperature above 20° (any colder and it's hard to sit still). We worked feverishly.

- We put up our blind along a fence less than a mile south of the roost. Because crows often hover over a blind and peer down in, we didn't leave much space inside.
- We set out our stuffed owl some 30 yards from the blind. Sight of an owl throws a crow into a blind rage. Today we had to put the owl on a fence post, but the best location is a limb high in a tree where he's quickly seen. To get him there you throw a weight with a chalk line attached over the limb and haul the owl up close enough so the limb steadies him, then tie.
- We suspended a "flying crow" decoy from a branch, letting it whip in the wind.
- We cut long sticks for our perching crow decoys—wooden blocks covered with real crow skins and feathers. We placed them to look as if they were on the verge of attack. (Some hunters use plastic owl and crow decoys, available in sporting goods stores—ours were home-made.)
- Finally we tested our crow calls, blowing out any dirt that might cause false notes.

Ready for action! From inside the blind, we searched the sky. The best crow shooting is on singles, doubles and triples. When a large flock comes, you can get only two or three birds out of it. The rest are scared away.

"One coming," Fred murmured, pointing south. Paul and I spotted it, flying above a farm house, swooping up and down with the air pockets. It grew larger. We could make out the wings flapping like a goose's.

"Straight for us!" whispered Paul. "We've hit the flyway on the nose!"

Just then, the crow spotted our decoys. He let out a fierce call, set his wings and dived at the owl. Fred fired. The crow exploded in feathers.

A couple more strays came. We got them all. Then three came over high. Scouts! When "early" crows fly high into a wind, they're probably on reconnaissance duty, giving the flyway a good looking over before the parade arrives. If anything is amiss, they'll turn tail and lead the other birds on a detour.

We knew we had to kill those scouts, or else stay hidden and hope they'd pass without discovering us.

But they spotted our set-out, without our calling, and funnelled down, bent on owl destruction.

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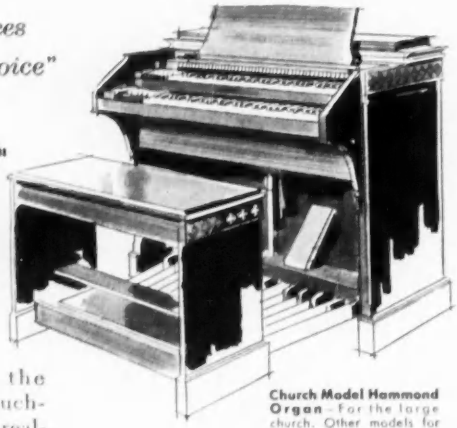

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We let them come up close, then jumped up and banged away. The way a startled crow can jump into scat gear always surprises me. Those rascals *dived to the ground*, reversed direction, and high-tailed it.

Crows seldom flare upwards like ducks. Their pet trick is a diving, twisting swoop like a fighter plane. Shoot while the dive is on and you'll miss. We waited until they straightened out. Then we spanked all three to the ground.

Luck—pure luck! Such a shot calls for perfect timing.

No bird has a faster getaway. We ordinarily shoot from a sitting or kneeling position—giving us a shot before being seen. So with three of us jumping to our feet, and all three connecting, and on *scouts*—that's the kind of shooting that can bring overconfidence quickly. It did.

A pair of low flyers started to go past us, but Fred, calling with a quiver like a pleading, distressed crow, made them wheel our way. As they floated by, Paul blasted one. The other veered over me. Foolishly, I tried to *jump up* and shoot. I should have stayed down. Needless to say, I missed.

For the next hour, we saw occasional crows—sometimes two or three together—away east of us, heading north. The crow I missed must have gone back a ways, then led the line around us.

Crows play follow-the-leader as long as one crow can see another ahead.

Fortunately, a break in the line came. No crows for a chilly half-hour. The sun nudged the horizon.

"They're gathering somewhere below us," Fred decided. "They'll come through here all in one bunch."

We didn't want that, so Paul hurried to the car and roared away, searching for the gathering. We knew he had found it when we heard two shots, a couple of miles down the road—and saw a horde of crows in the air.

"Millions!" Fred gasped. "Millions of crows—and strung out!"

Soon the birds were sweeping over the blind by twos and threes, beseeching our decoys, screaming at the owl. Fred and I stayed on our knees, shooting, calling, shooting again until our gun barrels grew warm. More and more dead crows lay about.

As quickly as it began, the flight ended. Not a bird in the southern sky. Those we'd scared back had taken other routes to the roost. Again, above the evergreens, we watched the black dots circle and mill and disappear into the trees.

Our hunt was over. But in a few days we'd be back, ready for more thrills and action-packed shooting on the flyway.

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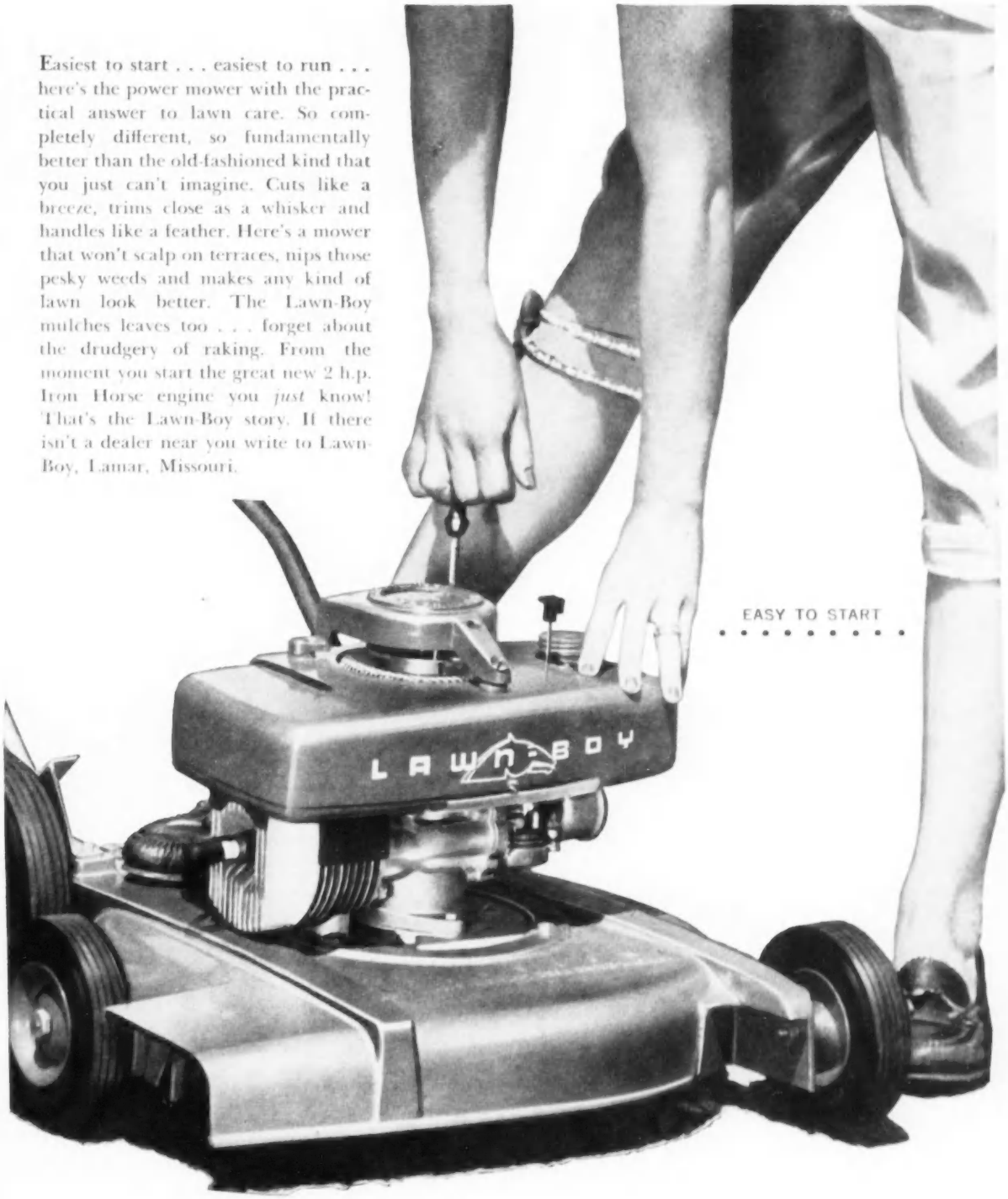

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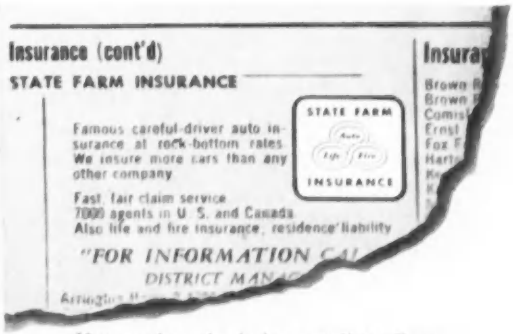

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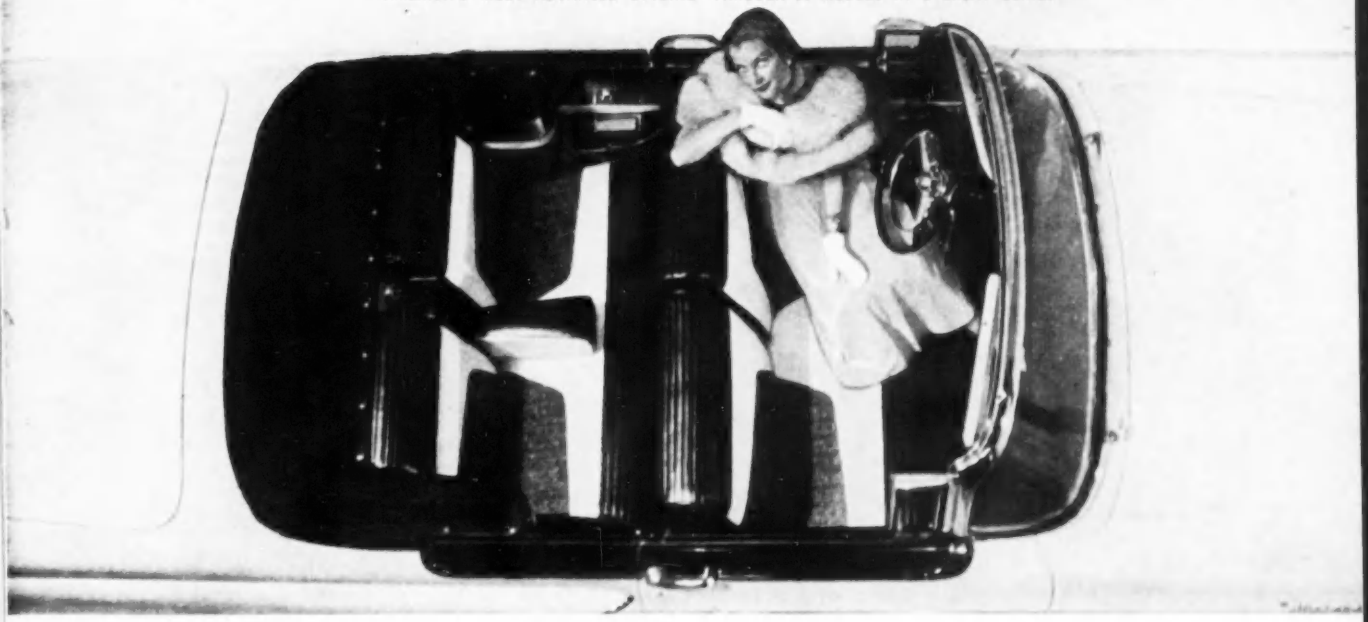

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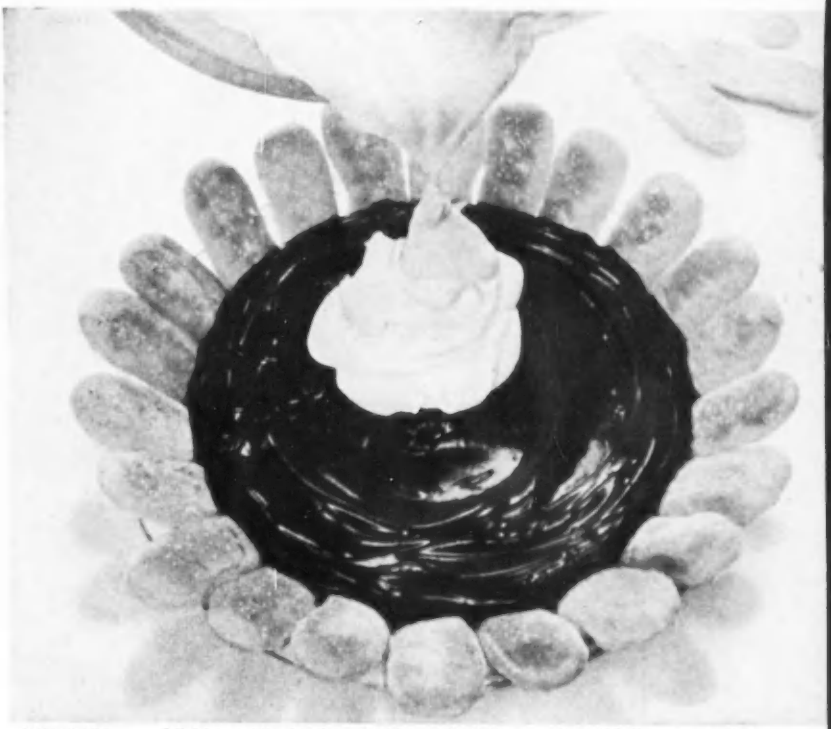

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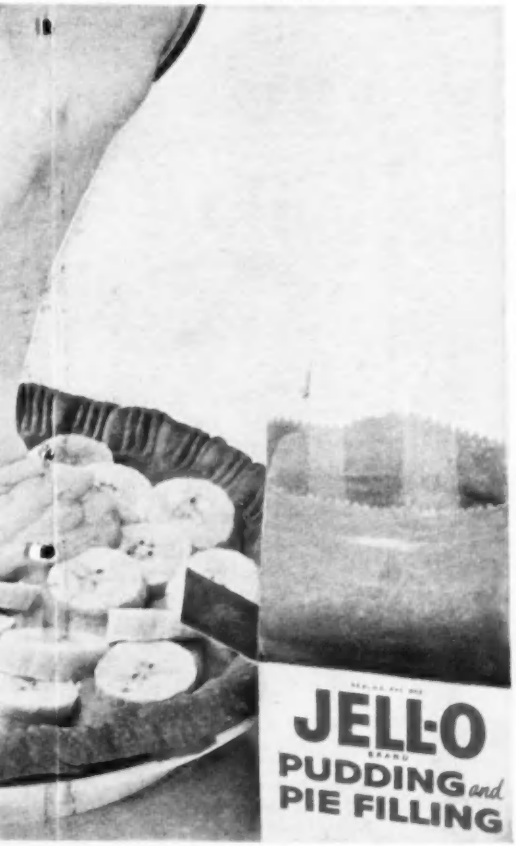

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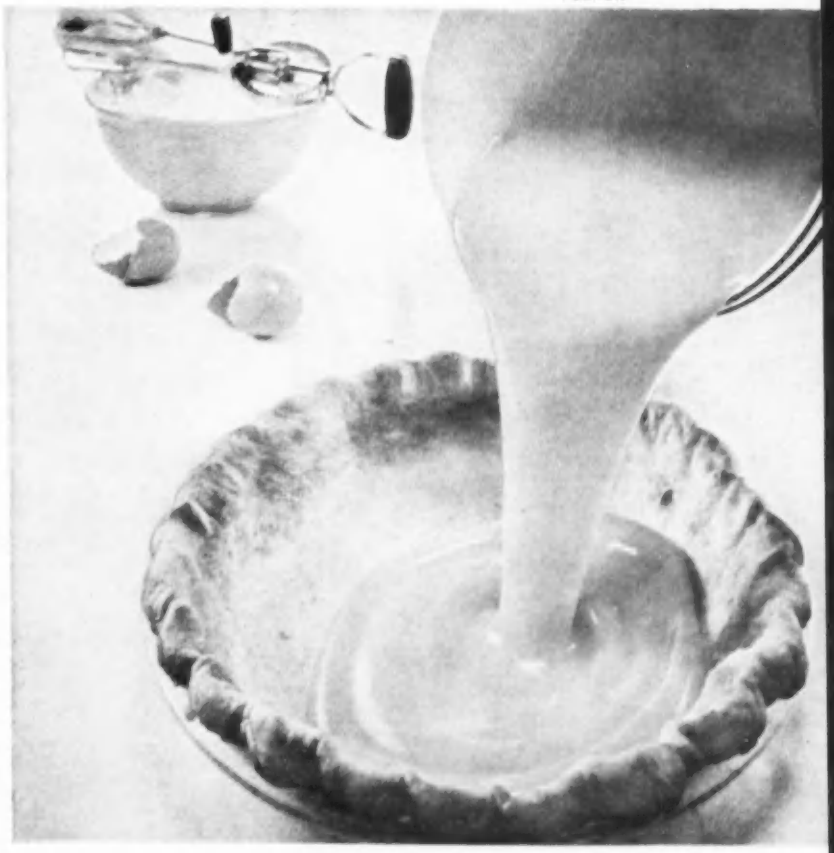

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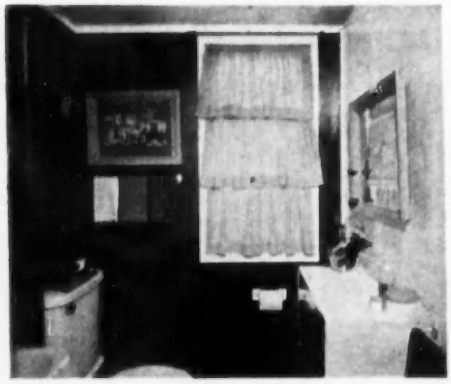


FRIENDS GAVE US this couch, called it hopeless. We spent $10 for materials; retied the springs, put in new padding, and made a sailcloth and pillow-ticking cover. Overnight guests say it's comfortable, too. End table was my first project in woodworking class; then I tackled Bob's desk.

IN OUR BATHROOM, to give it a decorated look, too, we put plants, and Currier & Ives prints. I made the striped curtains to match walls: one enameled white to reflect light, the others green.

HALF-HIGH PARTITION of ¼-inch wallboard separates kitchen from living room. (See how open it was before, far right.) Wallboard is nailed to kitchen shelves, and papered with a 3-D design. Tiny kitchen (6x8) has almost 10 feet of counters; we hid a clothes washer under the breakfast counter.

In an unpromising pre-fab on a college campus,

Bob and Jay Hensley contrived this remarkable home—spending less than $300 on furnishings and paint. There are ideas here for other young marrieds in temporary quarters who are

decorating on a shoestring

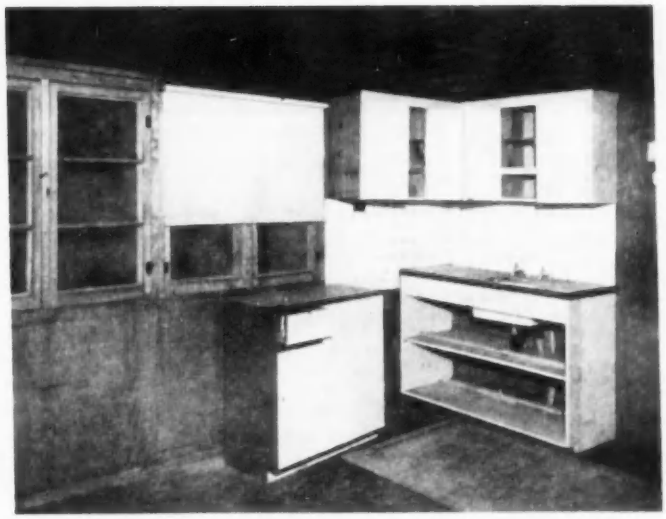
By Jay Hensley

IT CAN'T be very pleasant, living in one of these places," a friend of ours said. He was looking at our pre-fab in Pammel Court, Iowa State College's housing area for married students. (You can see it pictured above—one of many tiny, weathered houses in a treeless row.) How pleased we were to invite this friend in—and prove that he was wrong!

Because that house was attractive, inside—and we did it ourselves. Bob and I believe that a colorful, comfortable home is worth all the time and money and ingenuity you can spare—even if you'll just be there a year or two.

Not that we could spare much time or money. Bob had finished four of six years' study towards his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, and worked a six-day week in the summer. I had a full-time job with the college's Extension Service. We banked every dollar we could.

We didn't want all second-hand furniture, couldn't afford to buy new. So I enrolled in a night woodworking class at the Ames high school. The day we moved into our little house, I had a desk, dining table, end



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table, and record-playe, stand, ready for us to sand and finish. Then, came a big hurdle: getting Bob to agree on a color scheme. I wanted deep amethyst carpet and walls. Bob argued that such a deep wall color would make the house seem too dark and small. But I wheedled him into agreement, and he did most of the painting. And he liked it when we finished. The white ceiling, blond furniture, and matchstick blinds made the rooms seem light, while the darker color on the walls helped hide their scars.

How much better it is to argue about ideas for your home, than to have a husband who doesn't care! For six months we tossed back and forth whether to paint or paper the kitchen partition. Bob won me over when he found just the right paper.

We shopped sales, and picked up a second-hand chest and lamps. Furnishings, including paint, came to under $300. For another $135 we bought a second-hand clothes washer, refrigerator, and vacuum. Pammel Court supplied the gas range.

We enjoyed every hour of living in our college-time house—having friends in, bringing our first baby there. And we didn't begrudge a day or a dollar that went into making it *ours*. **End**

WHAT IT COST US

Living Area	
Cotton rug, 6x9	$43.00
Sofa bed (padding, fabrics)	10.00
Matchstick blinds	15.00
Peel chairs (on sale)	17.00
Ash tray (on sale)	2.50
Materials to make desk, dining table, and table, and record player stand	35.00
Wallboard partition	6.50
Chintz for kitchen skirts	5.32
Bedroom	
Bed (on sale) and bedspread	65.00
Second-hand chest	16.00
Cotton rug, 4x6	13.00
Fabric for curtains, dressing table skirt	4.00
Accessories	
Lamps	7.00
Plastic for lampshades	3.50
Pictures	30.00
Paint	20.00
Total	$292.82

In change there is opportunity

Increasingly, American families are showing self-reliance

Millions of American families, on their own, are achieving greater financial independence. In doing so, they are gaining peace of mind, greater confidence, stronger self-reliance. They are earning an added measure of independence, and are in a position to do many things they could not do twenty years ago. This is one of the most significant changes taking place in America today.

One indication of this trend has been the tremendous expansion of family protection plans. For example:

- **Hospital, surgical and medical plans.** About 100 million Americans are now covered by some form of voluntary protection against the cost of medical care. Only 12 million had such protection in 1940.
- **Pension plans.** 10 million people are now covered by pension plans—millions more than in 1940.
- **Life insurance.** 93 million people now have life insurance, compared with 65 million people in 1940.

Life insurance is by far the largest single element in the family's security program. It is bought to guarantee a financial backlog if the father were to die. Families are also discovering other uses of life insurance—to cover the mortgage, to help pay for the children's education, to build an adequate retirement program.

As a result of the added peace of mind growing out of the expansion of family protection plans, more American families are living happier and more productive lives. They are able to plan their living with greater confidence.

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For more living in the kitchen...

They added a breakfast

← **BEFORE:** No room here to serve a big country breakfast! Vera's kitchen was crowded by the dinette table—and sitting down to eat midst cooking clutter was not the treat that a good meal should be. So the Dunhams added a breakfast room.

↓ **AFTER:** They cut down the outside wall to the height of the range, and removed the back door to open the kitchen to the new room beyond. Breakfast room walls are natural brick; the floor is tile, laid over concrete that used to be the patio.

room

AT THE back of their small Arizona home, Don and Vera Dunham built on a windowed breakfast room—built it themselves, using the concrete terrace just outside the kitchen door as the floor of the new room.

These pictures, before and after, show you how the addition gives Vera a real kitchen-for-living, with a separate dining area, and more work space. The addition makes good on another count, too. It actually improves the looks of the house outside, which is important to remember when you add an extra room to your home.

The Dunhams also enlarged the concrete terrace and dressed it up with planting box and new furniture—a pleasant place for outdoor fun.

BEFORE: Concrete terrace at the back of the house, extended at the left, became the floor of the breakfast room addition. Back door was removed, for step-down entrance to the new room.

AFTER: Planting box under the breakfast room bay window looks pleasant both inside and out. The new door at the right is handy to the kitchen, for serving meals on the sunny patio.

PHOTOS: FRANK L. GAYNOR
DATA: LOUISE PRICE BELL

DON AND VERA find that their new room doubles as a pleasant office, too. Here, Vera is helping with end-of-the-month bookkeeping. To keep the sun under control in windows that face south, she's used matchstick bamboo blinds, hung vertically on traverse rods. Chintz curtains repeat the kitchen colors of natural brick and yellow.

HALF-WALL between the kitchen and the breakfast room is tiled so Vera can use it as a counter for hot dishes, on their way from oven to dining table. End

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For instance, both boys and girls use a typical sequence of sentences to express desire to be in the swim:

"Everybody wears loafers."

(*Somebody has a pair of loafers.*)

"All the girls in my room wear loafers."

(*Mary, Sue, and Jean now have loafers.*)

"Nobody goes to school without loafers."

(*Enough mothers have capitulated that it's useless to resist.*)

Another frequently-used series of statements expresses ambition, as:

"Would you let me be a cheer-leader?"

(*I want to be a cheer-leader.*)

"I guess I'm too busy to be an old cheer-leader."

(*I was not chosen cheer-leader.*)

"Sarah Anne thinks she's so smart."

(*Sarah Anne was selected.*)

The above may vary, of course—depending upon sex and the interests of the child.

A few other remarks to watch for are: "Boy, what a test today! Sue missed 19 and Jim missed 22."

(*I missed only 18.*)

"They don't ever have anything fit to eat at school any more."

(*The new regime in the cafeteria has done away with the steady diet of hot dogs.*)

"Old Bob Johnson is just an old tattletale."

(*If that's the phone, it's Mrs. Johnson!*)

"I told Miss Lewis that you'd be home-room Mother."

(*I have complete faith and confidence in you!*)

—*Kitty Litton*

Every home needs a flowering crab!

PHOTO: KIM ANDREWS

BLOSSOMS OF ALMEY CRAB are bigger than silver dollars. In full bloom the tree is a mass of flames. Tree is vigorous, hardy, often blooms the year it's planted.

By John Thompson

IF I could have only one shrub or tree, I guess I'd take a flowering crabapple. For my money, there's nothing that can hold a candle to it for fixing up a yard.

One of these days soon, the bare, brown limbs of my crabapple trees will explode into bloom. A white one, every branch sizzling with flowers and bees. A pink one that lights up the ground around it. A crimson one that flashes fire.

Some kinds start early, and as they fade, there's another explosion. With the right varieties, you can have nearly a solid month of bloom.

But the blossoms—spectacular as they are—are only half the story. All summer long your trees will be studded with fruit that brightens as the days grow shorter. Some are orange, some yellow, and some blood red; some, first red then yellow; still others, yellow then red.

The fruit makes good food, too. Most of them have an abundance of pectin and are fine jelly-makers. The bigger-fruited kinds make excellent sauce, keeping the

PHOTO: ARNOLD ARBORETUM

MORE BEAUTIFUL, many say, than Japanese cherries, flowering crabs are far hardier. Siberian, above, is super-fragrant. Varieties may be white, pink, crimson.

PHOTO: ARNOLD ARB.

AS GENEROUS WITH FRUIT as with bloom. Fruit of Zumi, left, feeds birds in winter. Other good ones for birds are Bobwhite, Siberian, Sargent and Hopa.

Flowering crab: *No prettier tree in existence; after a burst of bloom in spring it will sparkle this fall with vivid fruit*

PHOTO: KIM ANDREWS

BECHTEL'S CRAB—a tree of pink roses, each two inches across. Easy to grow, sure to bloom. One of the few that doesn't fruit.

PHOTO: DEN BOER

YELLOW-FRUITED KINDS are Cashmere, above, Arnold, Dorothea, Bobwhite, Gold. Many crabs make good understocks.

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MOST KINDS are fine jelly-makers, like Purpurea, Dolgo, Hopa, Red Silver, Scugog. All make fine sauce, apple butter with zip.

same brilliant colors as the fresh fruit. And if you like your apple butter with real zip, just try crabapples!

Many varieties keep their fruit on the tree all winter long, and are a regular feeding station for birds. You just ought to see the way a flock of cedar waxwings will light up a crabapple tree in midwinter.

As if all this weren't enough, flowering crabs come into bloom early (some the year after planting) and don't need the attention that commercial apple trees do.

Flowering crabs are fast becoming the most popular flowering tree in America, and it's no wonder. They'll grow anywhere that apples will, and that's nearly three fourths of the U.S.

Many people (and seed catalogs) maintain that the new crabapples even beat the famous Japanese cherries, bloom for bloom. So far as bloom goes that's an argument I'd rather not get into; I'd rather call it a draw. But when you consider that flowering crabs are beautiful again with their crop of fruit in late summer and fall, as against the barren limbs of the flowering cherries, the decision is easy.

On top of that, the cherries aren't hardy over most of the country, while flowering crabs do well in the coldest spots in the U.S.

What varieties? That's a hard one to answer. If you're lucky enough to live near Des Moines, Iowa, don't miss seeing the splendid collection at Water Works Park. You'll see more than 300 different kinds there. On a single Sunday in May, up to 10,000 people came to see them. They've been voted one of the four most spectacular flower displays in America. (The others: the Japanese cherries at Washington, D.C., the dogwoods at Valley Forge, Pa., and the lilacs at Rochester, N.Y.)

Other places to see flowering crabs are at the Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, Mass.; Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.

Now for varieties:

Floribunda is a beauty, densely branched; buds are red, flowers turn white gradually. A rare sight when buds and blooms are mixed. Fruit is small but decorative.

Arnold is also dense, when in bloom is a mound of pink flowers which are nearly two inches in diameter. Very fragrant. Fruit is yellow.

Hopa has big (one and one-half inch) carmine blooms in profusion, followed by brilliant orange to red fruit (three-quarter inch) which make excellent preserves and jelly. You ought to taste fruit that has hung on, frozen, until Christmas. They're like caramelized apples.

Jay Darling, named for Des Moines' beloved cartoonist, has flowers well over an inch across. Its fruit hangs on the tree most of the winter, a great bird-attracter.

Purple Wave has purple foliage with a copper undertone. Flowers are non-fading rosy-red. Most purple kinds, unfortunately, soon change to a faded purple. This one has good fruit (an inch or so in diameter) but not as showy as lighter-colored fruit.

Scheidecker has double, bright pink blooms and waxy yellow fruit. Some kinds have novel shapes. The Tea crab grows into the shape of a large, opened fan. In parts of China, a very weak tea is made from its leaves.

Sargent grows wide but keeps a low silhouette, seldom more than six feet high.

Red Silver has leaves that are blood red all summer with silver underside.

Red Splendor is a stronger grower. Mine bloomed the same spring I set it out. It's a fine, vigorous tree.

Sundog is a faithful white, shaped like a Lombardy poplar until its heavy red-yellow fruit bends each spray, and makes the tree vase-shaped. Good fruit for sauce, pickles.

Dolgo is one of the finest dual-purpose crabs. It's covered with white blooms in spring and its dark red fruit are so useful that they're often sold on the market. Other fine dual-purpose kinds are *Red Flesh* and *Red River*.

Ornamental crabapples range in size from ten to forty feet when mature. This is good to remember when choosing varieties and when deciding where to put them.

For small suburban places, the gardener will be wise to stick to the dwarf or semi-dwarf types like *Sargent*, *Bechtel*, *Arnold* and the very decorative *Cut-leaf*.

Crabapples aren't fussy about soil, though they do prefer one that is strongly acid.

As members of the rose family they are favored hosts to scale insects. These are readily controlled with a dormant spray. In many home gardens crabs go from year to year without spraying.

Occasional pruning helps keep crabs from getting too bushy. Removing some surplus wood, and heading back "wild" growths, will keep trees in good shape. Formal trimming isn't needed, though—it spoils the natural line and beauty of the tree. **End**

DECORATOR: ZITA ZECH, A.I.D.

OLD COOKIE MOLD is mounted on pine board, to make this pin-up lamp. The curved brass pipe for the cord and fixture is sandwiched between the mold and the pine board, in a hollowed-out groove.

bright lights

PEOPLE who like to make lamps that are different, sometimes forget that the main purpose of a lamp is to give *light!* These two lamps are unusual accessories. But they also have good proportions and simple shades that let you read without eyestrain.

DECORATOR: DOROTHY PAUL

PENNY CANDY JAR is easily removed from wood base, to be filled with candy, flowers, or Christmas ornaments. Brass rod curves behind it to support fixture.

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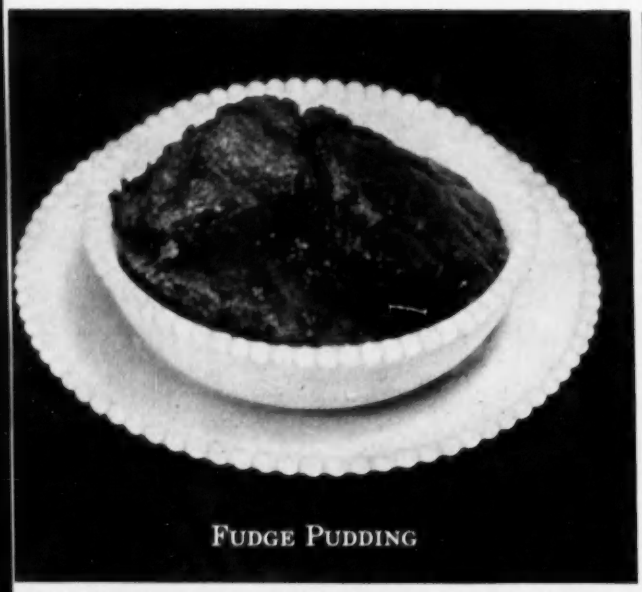
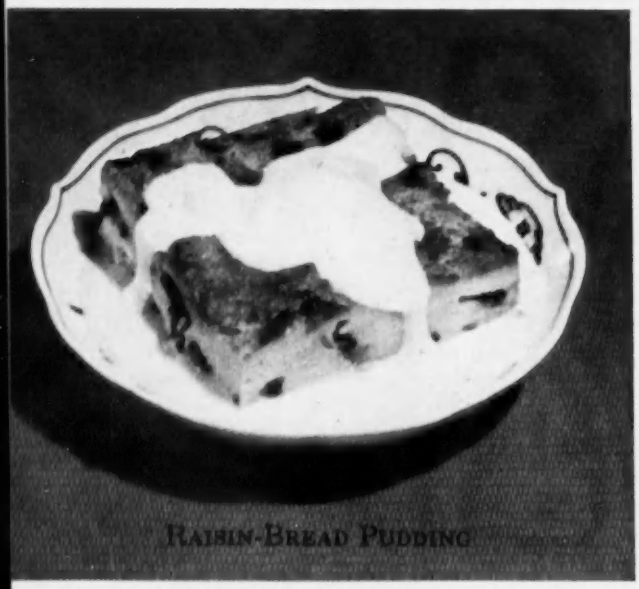


Fudge Pudding

Pineapple-Nut Treat



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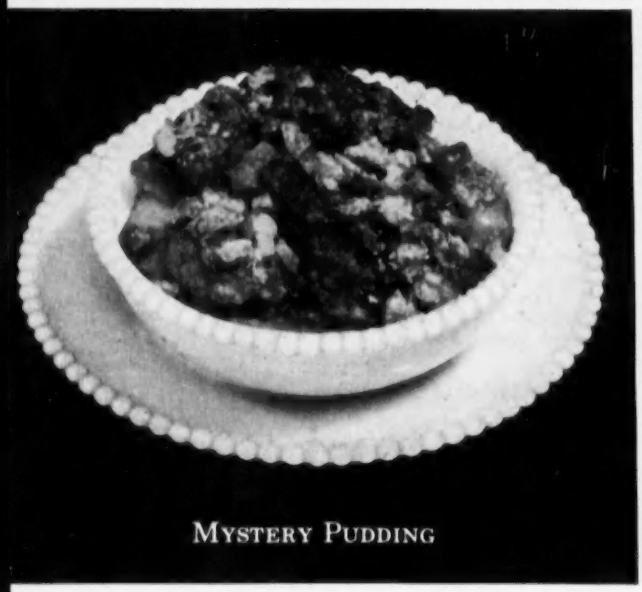
Orange Delight



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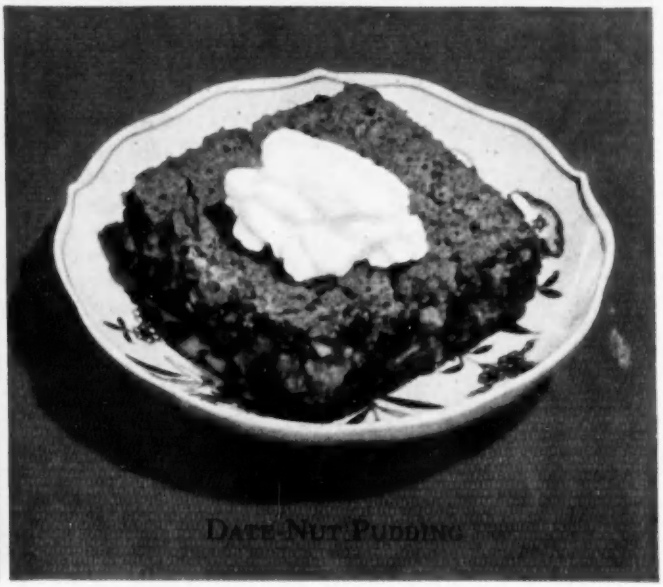

Date-Nut Pudding

FAVORITE PUDDINGS
from our readers

By Ann Satter
Food Editor

Puddings, hot or cold, seem to be a favorite dessert, judging from the hundreds of readers' recipes sent to our Town Journal Kitchen.

We chose six good ones to give you, of various styles. Some make their own sauce, like the Fudge Pudding and Orange Delight. Others are rich with fruit and nuts: Date-Nut Pudding, Pineapple-Nut Treat and Mystery Pudding. There's old-fashioned Raisin-Bread Pudding, too—a good way to help get the milk and egg quota into your child's diet.

Each of these recipes scored high when tested in our Kitchen.

Fudge Pudding

1 c. flour
½ c. sugar
2 tsp. baking powder
1½ tblsp. cocoa
½ c. milk
2 tblsp. melted butter or margarine
¼ tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla
3 tblsp. cocoa
½ c. boiling water
1 c. white corn sirup

• Sift flour; measure; sift again with sugar, baking powder and cocoa. Add milk, butter, salt and vanilla. Mix.
• Spoon into a greased 6x10-inch baking dish.
• Blend cocoa with boiling water. Add corn sirup and mix well. Pour over batter in baking dish.
• Bake in moderate (350°) oven for 30 minutes. Serve warm or cold; plain or with a spoonful of whipped cream. Makes 6 servings.

Miss Mary Whitmer
Fremont, Iowa

Pineapple-Nut Treat

½ c. shortening
1¼ c. sugar
2 eggs, separated
3 c. finely crushed graham crackers (about 30)
2½ tsp. baking powder
1¼ c. milk
¾ c. chopped pecans
1 can (9 oz.) crushed pineapple
1 c. sugar
Whipped cream

• Cream shortening; add sugar and mix well. Add egg yolks; beat thoroughly.
• Combine crushed graham crackers and baking powder. Add to egg mixture alternately with milk, beating after each addition. Add nut meats.
• Beat egg whites until stiff. Fold into graham cracker mixture.
• Pour into greased 7x12-inch baking dish. Bake in moderate (350°) oven for 30 to 40 minutes.
• Combine pineapple and sugar in small saucepan. Cook over medium heat for 5 minutes. Spoon hot over baked pudding as soon as it is removed from oven. Let stand 1 hour before serving.
• Cut and serve each square with a spoonful of whipped cream. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

Mrs. William T. Bond
Richmond, Indiana

Raisin-Bread Pudding

1 pkg. (3½ oz.) vanilla pudding
1 c. sugar
1 tsp. salt
1 quart milk
1½ tsp. vanilla
3 eggs, slightly beaten
6 slices day-old bread, raisin or white (Use 12 slices if thin-sliced)
Nutmeg
1 tblsp. sugar
1½ c. milk

• Divide packaged pudding into two equal portions. Reserve half for sauce.
• Mix one portion with the sugar, salt, quart of milk, vanilla and beaten eggs.
• Cut slices of bread into 4 or 6 pieces. Arrange in a greased 8-inch-square baking dish. Let slices overlap and allow a little space between bread pieces.
• Pour milk mixture over bread. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Let stand for 15 minutes.
• Place baking dish in pan of hot water. Bake in moderate (350°) oven for 50 to 55 minutes. Cut into squares; serve warm or cold with vanilla sauce. Makes 6 servings.

Vanilla Sauce: Combine remaining pudding mix with 1 tblsp. sugar and 1 c. of milk. Cook as directed on package. Remove from heat; add remaining ½ c. milk. Stir well. Serve warm or chilled.

Mrs. Kenneth O. Leth
Camden, New Jersey

Orange Delight

3 tblsp. soft butter or margarine
3 tblsp. flour
1½ c. sugar
6 eggs, separated
1 can (6 oz.) frozen concentrated orange juice
2 c. milk

• Cream butter or margarine; add flour

MRS. KENNETH LETH of New Jersey, has no trouble feeding Peder (18 months) milk and eggs—in Raisin-Bread Pudding.

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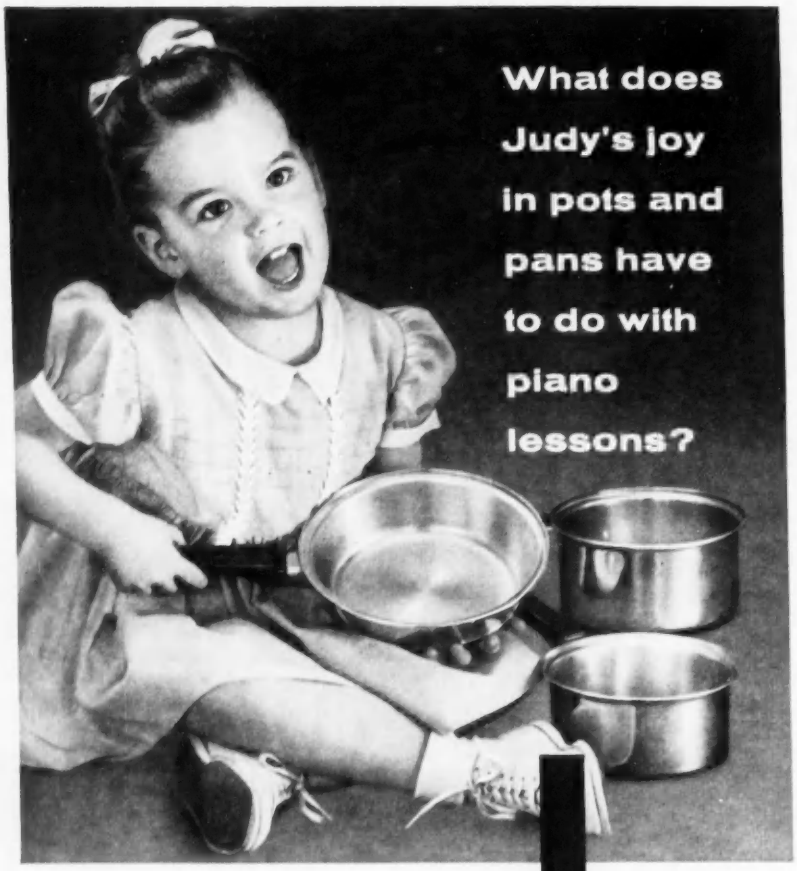

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and blend well. Add sugar and mix until smooth.

• Combine egg yolks and orange juice (undiluted) and beat well. Add milk. Combine with creamed mixture.

• Beat egg whites until they form stiff peaks. Carefully fold them into orange mixture.

• Pour into greased 7x12-inch baking dish. Place dish in pan containing ½-inch hot water. Bake in moderate (375°) oven for 35 to 40 minutes. Pudding will have a cake-like topping over a custard layer.

• Spoon into serving dishes. Makes 8 servings.

Mrs. Archie Russell
Norwich, Kansas

Mystery Pudding

1 c. flour
¾ c. sugar
1 tsp. soda
½ tsp. salt
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 tsp. vanilla
1 can (16-17 oz.) fruit cocktail
½ c. brown sugar, well packed
½ c. broken nuts

• Sift flour; measure, sift again with sugar, soda and salt into mixing bowl.

• Combine egg, vanilla and fruit cocktail (undrained). Add to dry ingredients; mix well.

• Pour into greased 6x10-inch baking dish. Sprinkle top with brown sugar and nuts. Bake in moderate (325°) oven for 40 to 45 minutes.

• Spoon into dessert dishes and serve with plain or whipped cream. Makes 6 servings.

Mrs. Edward L. Manlove
Fresno, California

Date-Nut Pudding

3 eggs, separated
1 tblsp. fine dry bread crumbs
1 tsp. baking powder
1 c. sugar
1 c. chopped, pitted dates
1 c. chopped walnuts or filberts
2 tblsp. melted butter or margarine
Whipped cream

• Sift sugar and baking powder together.

• Beat egg yolks until lemon colored. Add bread crumbs, and sugar with baking powder. Mix well.

• Add dates, nuts and butter; stir well. Mixture will be very stiff.

• Beat egg whites until they form stiff peaks. Fold into date-nut mixture.

• Spoon into buttered 6x10-inch baking dish. Bake in moderately slow (325°) for 15 minutes. Stir mixture in pan, freeing edges of any baked portion. Continue baking for another 45 minutes.

• Cut in squares. Top each square with whipped cream. Makes 6 servings.

Mrs. O. F. Flathan
Bridgeport, Michigan

End

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NEW FOODS

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They take 8 minutes in a skillet (or 10 minutes under the broiler) to heat and brown the crust. Ham sticks are handy for breakfast, or as a main dish at lunch or dinner.

Canned meat pies, to keep on your shelf for unexpected company, are being produced by the manufacturers of Dinnertime brand. Chicken Pot Pie, Beef Pot Pie, or Mince Pie come in small cans shaped like pie pans. Each contains enough to serve four. Just remove the lid, bake the pie for 25 minutes, and serve it right from the container.

Cinnamon rolls, ready to bake, make a quick, dainty treat for teatime. These Pillsbury canned rolls are not frozen—just keep in the refrigerator, then open the can and bake them on a cookie sheet.

One-minute macaroni, now on your grocer's shelves, really cooks in 60 seconds, makes quick macaroni dishes. It's produced by the Bravo Macaroni Company. One package contains enough for four servings.

Frozen TV pot roast dinner is a new addition to Swanson's turkey and fried chicken frozen dinners. Just heat the dinner in the oven (it's on an aluminum throw-away plate), and you have a complete meal of roast beef, new potatoes, corn and peas. For dessert, Swanson has introduced individual frozen apple or cherry pies. There are two in each package and they heat while you eat dinner.

An exotic new sauce to accent steaks, chops or gravies is being introduced by Heinz. Called Savory Sauce, it's made from a tomato base with oranges, lemons, dates, apples and spices—has a sweet-sour taste.

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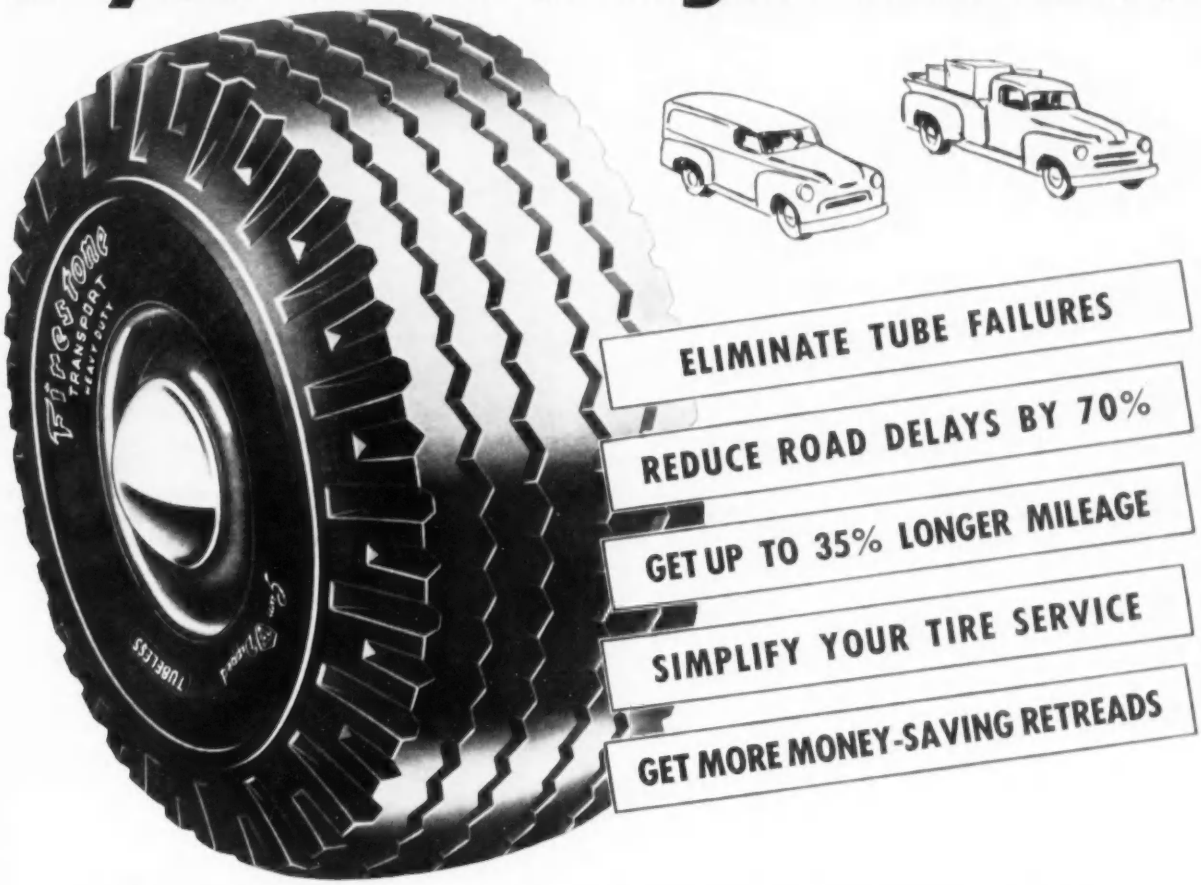

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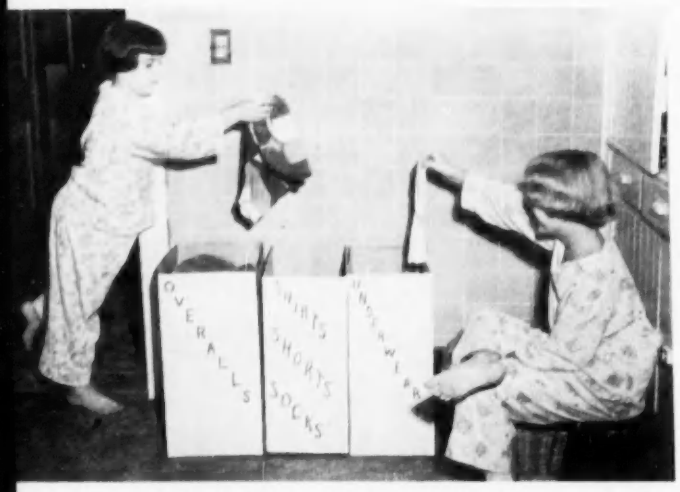

SORTING CLOTHES THE EASY WAY, when you take 'em off at bedtime. Lu had better be careful not to drop that sock in the "Underwear" box! Nancy aims true with her tee shirt.

MONEY BAGS ARE HANDY—keep allowances from getting mixed up. Gene Jr., having "banked himself broke," borrows a silver dollar from Pat, so he can squire her to the school dance.

We have eight housekeepers!

When Mom works away from home, who looks after the laundry and cleaning? Who gets the meals, washes the dishes? Who keeps an eye on the children —and on the budget? The Gene Parkers of Brownville, N. Y., have solved these problems

NOT EVERY WORKING MOTHER can take the kids along! Joan teaches at Hounsfield school, Sacket Harbor. Station wagon has seats-for-the-week chart to prevent squabbles.

BECAUSE I am what the sociologists call a "working mother," my family—bless its seven hearts—lets me sleep mornings until breakfast is ready. My friends wonder how I *can* sleep, with two pianos going full-steam downstairs (battered one in playroom, new one in living room). I explain that my early-bird practicers do a good job of muffling the sound effects of Man at Work in Kitchen.

The things I've mentioned—early music practice and Mom resting while Dad gets breakfast—are part of our regular, planned managing-at-home. "At home" is extra important when you have six youngsters to bring up, and when Mom's hours are mostly taken by a job *away* from home!

When I went back to teaching school, six years ago, it was to be a temporary arrangement, so we could get money ahead for remodeling our house, starting music lessons and so on. But it has grown more and more essential that I add to what Gene makes at his job of installing oil furnaces. So I guess "temporary" has become permanent.

Back when I began supplementing our income, we had only four children—Patricia Ann, Gene Jr., Nancy and Paul. Their present ages, in order named, are 12, 10, 9 and 7.

The other two came later, full fledged and both at once. Raynor and Lu Ann are my cousins—our children by adoption. They are now 10 and 9—"twins" to Genie and Nan.

After Ray and Lu lost both their parents, my sister Dawn wanted to take them so that her one little boy could have a brother and sister. But Dawn's husband had been

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HOW TO SAVE SUITCASE-UPSET: "We put in a day's outfit for each youngster." Boys' and girls' in separate suitcases. Paper divides each threesome of togs-for-a-day.

PRE-BREAKFAST ORCHESTRA shattered Mom's sleep with crashing chords of Dvorak's *Fortissimo*. Raynor with snare drum, Pat with sax, Paul at xylophone, Gene Jr. with clarinet, Nan and Lu at piano. Dad wields spatula and "plays" the breakfast bell.

By Joan Parker

AS TOLD TO MAUDE LONGWELL

killed in the Air Service, and the Welfare Board said No—adopted children *especially* need a father.

When we heard of the decision, I looked at Gene and he looked at me. I said: "Could we manage a couple of extra children?" I was thinking of our already-strained budget; but my husband, after reflecting for one whole minute, gave a characteristic answer: "I guess we can love two more."

Loving comes easier, we've found, when we don't strain over the mechanics of *living*. Years ago, when I studied Home Ec at Cornell, I learned that a well-managed home is one that has system. Its machinery is so well oiled that it seems to run without effort. Little by little we've worked out ways to keep our machinery running smoothly. Not that someone doesn't occasionally toss in a monkey wrench; but that's only human—and wouldn't life be dull if everybody were perfect?

One of our first strokes of management was to get special dispensation for the children to attend school outside our district—over at Sacket Harbor, where I teach. So I don't have to worry about my brood before and after school. They go to and from with me, in the station wagon.

When we first got the station wagon, loading up was nerve-wracking. "I want by the window!". . . "You sat on the pull-up yesterday—it's my turn!" And so on. Gene Sr. fixed that by making a seating schedule. Every Monday morning we consult our chart (mounted on one of the sun visors). Each child rotates to his designated seat for the week. Seating scrimmages in the station wagon are over.

Children don't object to plans and schedules, we've found. They love 'em, in fact. There's security in knowing just what is expected of you, and when. Eliminates a lot of pros and cons—and much squabbling!

For example, there's little fuss at our house over doing dishes, because we have a partnership schedule. On Monday evening, Pat and Nan help me get supper, set the table and do that morning's breakfast dishes. Genie and Paul wash and dry the supper dishes, and Lu and Ray have this night off. Jobs and nights-off rotate through the week.

Saturday is a busy day for us Parkers, for it's when we have to do most of the big jobs which the average homemaker spreads through the week. Each youngster has a specific job. Genie cleans the downstairs bathroom. Pat polishes the kitchen appliances, dusts the living room and play room. Nan and Lu change the beds, trade off at dusting bedrooms and cleaning the upstairs bath. Ray cleans the front porch, sweeps the sidewalks; Paul empties waste baskets and scrubs the cellar stairs.

After lunch, we all collapse to watch *The Lone Ranger* and the Saturday comics on TV.

Saturday is also our day for music lessons, scheduled in between chores. All six children are studying piano. Pat plays the sax in the school band, Genie the clarinet, and just lately Ray started snare-drum lessons at school.

I've already mentioned early-morning practice. Two

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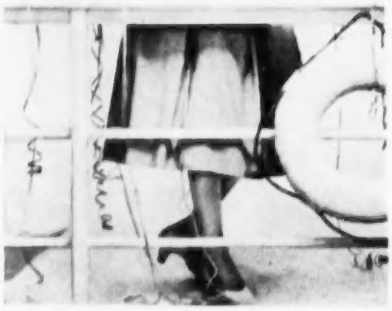

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youngsters begin at 6:30, another pair takes over at 7. Others can practice on other instruments—but I've ruled out snare-drumming before 7!

After-school practice is assigned to the pair who are enjoying a day off from their chores.

Discipline? Well, we've been surprised at how little we have to worry about that. Everyone being committed to certain responsibilities is about discipline enough. The kids "discipline" each other—if you renege on a job, you have to do a whole day's dishes by yourself, or you can't watch TV.

Work-savers can be life-savers when you have a lot to do, and little time. For example, our combination washer-dryer, and our ironer. We used to wash all the clothes in one evening and hang them on the porch. Then, for three whole evenings, I'd do nothing but iron. Now we divide laundry into jiffy-jobs: wash and dry underwear one evening, clothes for the ironer another, and the best clothes on the one evening I plan to use the hand iron.

We hit upon a fine way to simplify sorting clothes, and it didn't cost a cent! We labeled several cardboard cartons: *Underwear; Shirts, Shorts, Socks; Overalls; Towels.*

At bedtime each youngster deposits his soiled clothes in the correct boxes. How simple, then, to chuck a boxful into the washer.

Money matters—at least it does to us! My mid-month pay goes to the bank for savings. My first-of-month check pays for hospitalization and life insurance, electricity, and clothes. Gene's salary covers our food, car expenses, taxes, and miscellaneous household costs. He has a special bank account labeled Station Wagon, because we find that trading for a new one every two years cuts down on road trouble and repairs.

The children, too, are learning to manage money. Pat, having the most years and most responsibilities, gets 50 cents a week allowance. The others receive 25 cents apiece. Out of each allowance, 5 cents automatically goes into the Sunday School collection. The balance is for spend-as-you-please, for gifts, and save-for-the-bank.

Those six allowances used to cause a lot of confusion. The children were forever getting their change mislaid or, worse yet, mixed up. These troubles led to our moneybag system.

I made the bags, labeling each with its owner's name. They hang in a row on the bathroom door. Some are usually plump, others perennially flat. They're quite an index to our children's tendencies, thrifty or prodigal.

Last fall, as a result of the children's canning, sewing and baking exhibits at the County Fair, they had a total of $50 to add to their money bags for banking. Yes, our boys exhibited, too—Genie is inordinately proud of winning a first on the jacket he made!

Our canning bees are mostly whole-family projects. Putting up the surplus from Gene Sr.'s garden helps us eat well while cutting down costs. We can everything, since we don't yet have room in our house for a freezer.

Saving for college (multiplied by six) makes us careful how we spend money. We believe that some should go for fun. We had that in mind when we splurged for six bicycles a couple of Christmases ago. Maybe there was method in our extravagance, though, because six kids on that many bicycles can get a lot of errands done!

Neither Gene nor I smoke or drink; so we mentally earmark our unspent "vice money" for family vacations. We've had some fabulous trips—to Montreal, Quebec, Cape Cod, Florida, New Orleans and California.

But travel for eight, on a limited budget, takes *special* management! After much sewing and mending, we pack our bags, a portable ice box and stove, plenty of canned goods. These fit into a carrier atop the station wagon. We stay overnight at motels, cook all our meals in parks or at road sites.

The first couple of trips, we had continual suitcase trouble—had to turn things upside down to search out stray socks for one child or shorts for another. So we worked out a system.

In one suitcase, we pack the three girls' outfits for one day; lay paper over these, then add three more outfits, and so on until the bag is filled. When starting a new travel day, we simply lift out the top threesome. Same method works for the boys!

When your days are so busy that you live by schedule, there's danger of getting in a rut. We seem to have escaped that—sometimes I wonder myself how we manage so many extras.

Pat belongs to the Girl Scouts; all six have 4-H projects; the older three and I sing in the church choir. Gene Sr. is chief of the Volunteer Fire Department, and I'm president of the Firemen's Auxiliary (in charge of midnight coffee-and-sandwich brigades).

Remodeling our house led Gene and me into Adult Education upholstering classes—we've upholstered six chairs and a piano bench. And just recently, I find myself *teaching* in Adult Ed—sewing classes two evenings a week. Who says working folks don't have spare time?

Yes, I'll probably go on being a working mother, at least until those six college funds are assured. It gets *easier* as my co-housekeepers get more efficient, and more co-operative.

One thing's certain. I'll always be tired enough to sleep at night—and right on through the early-morning noises which mean that my seven helpers are on the job. **End**

Ask Town Journal

I'm interested in a career in nursing. Where can I obtain the names of accredited schools?

A. Write Committee on Careers, National League for Nursing, 2 Park Avenue, New York 16, N.Y., for a list of accredited professional schools. For more information on schools in your own state, write "Nursing Careers," in care of your local post office.

I'm chairman of a committee to remodel our church's kitchen. Can you tell me where to seek advice and plans?

A. The Bureau of Church Building, 120 E. 23rd Street, New York 10, N.Y., furnishes line drawings and other material at a nominal price.

Can moth balls be used effectively a second year?

A. Yes, says the National Bureau of Standards. Most moth balls, crystals or flakes, being made of pure naphthalene or paradichlorobenzene, keep their odor as long as they last. They are "good" until they evaporate.

Can you refer me to any bulletins on termite control?

A. Ask the Office of Information, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D.C., for these free bulletins: F.1993: *Decay and Termite Damage in Houses* and F.2018: *Control of Non-Subterranean Termites.*

Another publication, *Preventing Damage to Buildings by Subterranean Termites*, is available from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C., for 15 cents.

Whom do I contact about obtaining decorations to which I'm entitled as a result of Army service in World War II?

A. Earned decorations are normally issued before or at the time of separation. However if you did not receive the awards to which you are entitled (for reasons such as their being approved after you left the service), write to the Awards and Decorations Branch, Adjutant General of the Army, Washington 25, D.C., giving your name, rank and serial number and stating the decorations you claim.

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By Jeanne O. Wellenkamp

TIRED of doing the same old things every time you get together with friends? Bridge, canasta, TV get monotonous?

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Well, some young couples down in Key Biscayne, Florida, may have an idea for you. And they live on an island without movies, community center or even street lights!

Music is their answer to a more satisfying social life. Good music . . . the kind people pay high prices to hear. On this Florida island, though, artists perform on records, and the concert halls are living rooms.

"But I don't understand music," you may object. "Anyhow our friends would never go for symphony."

But wait! How do you know until you try? Members of "Key Biscayne Symphony Club" aren't musicians, either. Most of the husbands are veterans with battle stars. . . I decided to attend a club concert to discover, if I could, why music plays such an important part in their lives.

Right off, I'll admit, my husband wasn't keen on going along. ("Who wants to sit around all night listening to records?") He went just to keep me company on the lonely causeway ride.

Rain was spilling from the sky when we drew up at the John Daino home. But surprisingly, the house was full. Louise Daino, founder of the club, greeted us with a smile and a mimeographed copy of the evening's program notes. Her husband, Jack, formerly a Navy lieutenant with South Pacific Task Force 58, helped us find comfortable seats.

First selection, quite appropriately, was Johann Strauss's *Thunder and Lightning Polka*. Lively rhythm, flash and bang, made tuneful commentary on the rainy night. Chopin preludes, some familiar, others strange and lovely, followed.

Cokes, potato chips, and conversation filled the intermission. Mrs. William Hoeveler, co-chairman with Louise Daino, announced a forthcoming children's concert at the Howard McCay home.

Then someone turned lamps low, and we all quieted down again. The evening's feature work, Beethoven's *Pastoral Symphony*, flowed into the room.

I'd heard this symphony almost too many times. I thought it had nothing more to say to me. But as I watched the entranced faces of those fine young American men and women sharing love of woodland and meadow with a genius who lived in another age and country, I found a new message.

It seemed inevitable that as Beethoven's orchestral storm rumbled into quiet calm, the moon should break through clouds outside our window. Nineteenth century Vienna and Twentieth century Florida were one. I understood as never before how music can leap all barriers.

On the way home, under a fresh-washed sky, my husband and I had little to say. We had shared a priceless experience.

"Everyone goes home from our concerts a little starry-eyed," Louise Daino told me later. "Our aim is to share the joy and beauty that are here for each of us."

Another important part of the music group's program, I learned, is for children—whether or not their parents are members of the club.

Boys and girls look forward to Saturday morning concerts of selected records. "Live" music, too, sometimes. A score of youngsters recently visited the mainland to inspect and listen to the pipe organ in the Coral Gables First Presbyterian Church. Members of the University of Miami's Symphony Orchestra often come out to the Key to demonstrate their instruments for the children.

When a musician from the orchestra lugs his tuba or trombone many miles to play it for little Key-ers, it's his way of saying "Thank you" to the Key Biscayne Symphony Club. Every cent of club dues ($2 per year) goes into a fund for the University of Miami Symphony Orchestra—to help buy musical scores, pay for concert soloists, or contribute to scholarships at the University's School of Music.

In fact, the Key Biscayne Symphony Club, which is affiliated with the larger Miami Symphony Club, finds its

sustaining purpose in helping to make up the orchestra's annual deficit. The University, like so many other schools, finds it more difficult to get support for music than for athletics.

The fact that they are helping to keep a big symphony orchestra alive, is a satisfaction to the Key Biscayne Club. Makes the music in their home sound sweeter. Louise Daino put it this way: "If you do something for yourself, it dies on the vine. If you do it for your neighbors, it grows and blossoms."

KEY NOTES ON FORMING A MUSIC GROUP

♪ Begin with a few interested couples. Enlarge by inviting guests. Then, encourage them to join.

♪ Choose a worthy objective—it may be uniforms for your high school band; music lessons for needy children; instruments for school orchestra. Keep dues small, but use them for this one purpose.

♪ Feature short, lively pieces at your first meetings. Select music that tells a story or paints a picture rather than abstract music. (Sonatas will have some men leaving by the windows.) Books on music appreciation at your library will guide you. Ask your record dealer for lists of "classical" best sellers.

♪ At the end of the first program, invite everyone to write down his favorite piece of music. Include as many as possible on your next program. Have a suggestion box at every concert—and use the member's ideas to give variety to your programs.

♪ Elect a board to make decisions and conduct business. Select a program chairman for evening concerts and a committee to plan children's concerts. Your librarian and local music teachers will help.

♪ Borrow records for your concerts from members or you can get them from some public libraries. Any member who supplies a record also writes a program note about it. (Most record albums include information about the composer and his music.) If equipment is available you may want to have program notes mimeographed; or someone can read them before each selection. Knowing what to listen for deepens your enjoyment of the music. Let several members prepare each program.

♪ Serve simple refreshments—to extend the hand of welcome. You might assess each couple 25 cents to pay for this—and to add to the treasury. **End**

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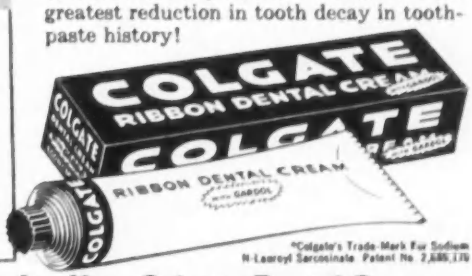

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Bead-Stringing Help—Line up graduated beads in the order they are to be restrung, on a length of cellulose tape. Anchor tape at both ends. Beads won't roll out of position as you string them. —*Mrs. C. B. Middleton, North Carolina*

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Quick Creamed Tuna—Combine one can cream of mushroom soup, and one can of tuna fish. Simmer for five minutes.—*Mrs. J. R. Karp, Florida*

Door Silencer—To keep the door latch in a sickroom from banging: Cut a triangular shape of felt, make slits for

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both inside and outside knobs, and slip felt over the knobs, covering latch.—*Eleanor Armstrong, California*

Nutshell Boats—Insert a toothpick into a paraffin-filled walnut half, just before the wax hardens. Cut a sail from paper and attach to the toothpick. Boat will float in water and is a clever party favor for children.—*Mrs. A. Engstrom, Kansas*

Carrier for Shears—If your lawnmower doesn't have a holder for grass shears, nail a strip of leather to wood of mower handle to hold them. Shears are handy when and where you want to use them.—*Mrs. Philip P. Schaefer, New York*

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Pan Lid Rack—Place a suction-cup towel bar against one side of your stove drawer. Slip the lids behind bar.—*Mrs. W. A. Stewart, Minnesota*

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Leader, Burnett County, Wis.

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Crisscrossed. A small town is usually a place that is divided by a railroad, a main street, two churches and a lot of opinions.
Gazette, Grantville, Ga.

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Lie Detector. You may be able to make some people think you are younger than you are, but you can't fool a hamburger just before bedtime.
News-Leader, Arcadia, Wis.

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Merciful. We were nice and polite about it, and told a little white lie about having no more available space . . . when a proud mother called in to report the progress her son was making in the Army. According to her . . . he had hit the sergeant and soon after was promoted to court marshal.
News-Star, Shawnee, Okla.

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The Other Way Around? Apparently the sure test of any modern painting is the length of time it takes you to figure out what it is.
Journal, Decorah, Iowa

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She'll Learn. An optimist is a lady churchgoer who starts putting on her shoes when the preacher says, "And now in conclusion. . . ."
Independent, Anderson, S.C.

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Anybody You Know? The rocking chair was invented for the man who doesn't need to work, can't sit still and likes to make a noise.
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Main Street Prayers. There's a popular idea that businessmen don't take religion seriously. Two Southern towns have begun something that refutes this: Fulton, Ky., and East Fulton, Tenn. (combined pop. 6,000), have been holding 30-minute, breakfast prayer-meetings every Monday for five months.

Starting with a group of 11, regular attendance swelled in two months to 60; has remained at a high level ever since. Participants report that the services make them feel "refreshed, eager and spiritually fit" to tackle the problems of the coming week. Inspired by the two Fultons, similar services have been instituted in La Center, Ky., and Cairo, Ill.

What's the Hurry? The Rev. J. Bruce Melton of the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwood, Ind., is concerned lest his congregation be depleted by traffic accidents. So he distributes purse-sized blotters that read: "We believe in predestination . . . but drive safely—you might hit a Presbyterian."

Bonus for Breakfast. How would you like to have the boss bring you your breakfast every morning—free? That's almost what happens to 20-odd employees of Dailey Motors, Inc., Martinsburg, W. Va. Two years ago, the boss, James S. Dailey, began serving free breakfasts to all workers who wanted them. Most did. Their wives were equally enthusiastic. Now, six days a week, Dailey's sister offers early comers menus that include fruit juice, bacon, eggs, country ham, hot cakes and coffee. Dailey is very happy with the whole idea; says it pays big dividends in morale and punctuality. His workers like it even better; one of them gained 15 pounds in five weeks.

Dr. Rainbow. A children's dentist in Clayton, Mo., Roy M. Wolff, decided that strangers in white automatically frighten youngsters, so he set about doing away with "white" in his office. At work, he garbs himself in green

shoes, yellow trousers and a gaily colored sport shirt; his girl assistant wears blue shoes and blue jumpers; the office walls are painted in soft pastel shades. Says he: "The psychological effect is terrific!"

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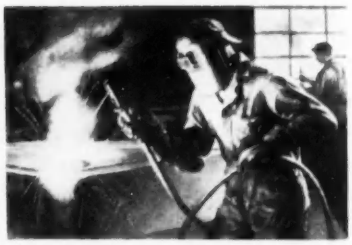

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Looking ahead

NEWS THAT MATTERS TO CONSUMERS AND BUSINESS MEN

CHEAPER MAIL: For 15¢ a letter, you may soon get a new service called "certified" mail. Letters would be handled like ordinary mail, except post office would keep a record proving delivery. Unless you were shipping valuables, it would no longer be necessary to use registered mail (30¢ minimum). System goes into effect soon if reaction is favorable.

FOOD BARGAINS: It's costing less to bring home the bacon. Sliced bacon now retails in most places for some 22¢ less per pound than a year ago. Most meats are good buys, with the 14 most popular cuts lower in mid-February than at any time last year. Fishery products should be budget items through March; also canned snap beans, canned sweet corn.

LOAN PROSPECTS: Lenders are becoming a little more cautious in extending mortgages and other credit. We're still in an "easy money" market, but lenders don't search as frantically for customers as last fall. The Federal Reserve Board and the Treasury have tightened the money supply a little.

WELL-DRESSED MAN: Spring-weight suits will be conservative, as winter suits have been. All-wools and worsteds in charcoal grays, browns and blues will predominate. Expect few bright patterns.

More men will break away from footwear tradition this spring, or shoe retailers have guessed wrong. Better than half of the shoes offered will be lower cut, lighter weight, with leather rolled to a soft texture. Expect some two-tone colors, some charcoal brown or black to match the charcoal suits. Also featured: tassels, two-eyelet shoes, mesh, braided leather.

NEW POWER MOWERS: You'll see self-starters on some of the '55 models. Also, new safety features to protect the purchaser from his own carelessness. Sales should hit about two million units this year, up from 1.5 million in 1954. More and more merchants are cashing in on the home-gardening craze; sales of gardening supplies should hit $4 billion this year.

BEST MOVIES: March fare includes Cinerama Holiday--first follow-up on Cinerama, whose three-dimensional reality thrills audiences in specially built metropolitan theatres. The new film takes a young Swiss couple on a tour of the U.S. and an American couple on a European tour. Also recommended: The Long Gray Line (cadet life at West Point), The Racers (auto racing excitement), Jupiter's Darling (Hannibal, while crossing the Alps, encounters Esther Williams).

MILITARY TIDBIT: For what veterans' benefits do GIs qualify if accepted for service after January 31, 1955, last date to squeeze under the Korean "GI Bill of Rights"? The principal one, according to the Veterans Administration, is the right to take out low-rate Government insurance up to $10,000. In addition, they can get medical care in VA hospitals if disabled in service or discharged for a disability. Otherwise, benefits are meager compared to free education and low-rate loans previous vets got.

HOME HINT: Central air-conditioning is a "hot" sales item now: installations are expected in one out of eight new homes built this year. Meanwhile, room air conditioners will drop in price this year. Some have already dropped as much as $60.

TRAVEL TIP: Now's the best time to see many of America's top gardens. A noteworthy feature: the two three-day garden symposiums at Williamsburg, Va., March 9-11 and 16-18. In late April, University of Tennessee sponsors a wildflower tour of the Great Smokies. Mid-May is the time to see Washington state's rhododendrons. For guidance, read The Gardener's Travel Book by E. I. Farrington (Oxford University Press, New York, $4).

Don't raise your boy without a Cadillac

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valves and pistons.

I stamped into the house. Bob trailed me dejectedly. "All he wants to do," I told his mother, "is to tear a perfectly good car to pieces. I was a fool to let him have the thing in the first place."

Then I laid down the law: "Bob, you'll have to fix this and pay for it yourself. After that I think we'll get rid of it."

Bob mumbled something about how lucky we were just to have him around home still. "At least, I'm not out running wild like a lot of crazy kids I know."

His mother seemed to agree. "We want him to be able to look back on a happy, tolerant home where he could do things he liked," she admonished me later.

The damaged valves and pistons were a major garage job. It would cost $196 to get the old car in proper running order—retaining the twin carburetors! We finally agreed to let Bob keep the car, however, if he footed the big end of the repair bill. He seemed the happiest kid on earth.

On Saturday he took a downtown dishwashing job, and soon after we were deluged by callers at front door and back. Without telling us, Bob had advertised his precious woodworking tools—sander, table saw and drill press—to pay the $196 garage bill. All week end his mother and I shuttled to and from the basement showing tools.

"Confound it," I grumbled, "what makes Bob so stubborn about hanging on to that old hunk of iron?"

The boy paid every penny.

I went away again on business for nearly a month and put the Cadillac out of my mind. On my first day home I was shocked to discover in the basement what looked like the equivalent of two or three old Cadillacs in spare parts. Bob had lugged home everything from gleaming grilles to tail fins, and for lack of space had even stashed a few fenders and doors under the porch.

I stormed upstairs to his mother. "Do you realize that *your* son has sunk the rest of his savings in second-hand junk? Now we *are* going to get rid of that Cadillac."

I cornered Bob as soon as he came home from school. "You get that junk out of the basement by Christmas."

"But, Pop, it isn't junk—it's an *investment*. Look at those doors. I got four for $10. Not a dent or a scratch on 'em. You know what a body man wants for one *new* door? Sixty-five dollars! You never know these days when you might need another door."

Bob defended his other "bargains": radio, drive shafts, steering column, starter, fog lights, fender skirts, hub caps, ash trays and solid chrome trim by the yard. "Pop, you can't buy real chrome metal like that today on the new cars."

I found that Bob had scoured nearly 50 junkyards in Denver and environs. At one he was on such friendly terms that the owner trusted him with his keys when he went out to eat. Others gave him a cut-rate because he was careful to strip the parts without damage to the rest of the car.

Bob had accumulated sufficient parts not only to replace every worn piece on the Cadillac, but to start a small-parts enterprise on his own. He had everything inventoried, too. Already, other car-lovers were hunting him up. Why, we had a budding businessman right in our basement! Suddenly, I began to see my son in a new light.

From time to time now, Bob invited me out to the garage to tinker or talk shop or maybe just to prowl among the spare parts. I was pleased that he was selling enough parts at enough profit to cover the cost of replacements on his Fleetwood.

Gradually he was pushing his car to perfection—new brakes, new clutch, new shock absorbers. With his basement stock he replaced hood, fenders, doors and every piece of blemished chrome. He was mastering new skills. No longer a novice, but a fledgling mechanic!

Bob's final triumph was the installation of a complicated transmission. Jacking up the Fleetwood on blocks, he managed it single-handed. One evening about midnight he crawled out from under, grease-smeared, dog-tired, but radiant, and called me to come see. Though the hour was late, we took another trial spin. The Cadillac performed as never before, and I complimented my son. Bob glowed with pride. Now I began to understand the urge that had been driving him all the time.

"You'd better have a talk with those fresh kids. That's the third time today they've pulled that stunt!"

"Funny thing about kids," I told his mother. "My Dad didn't understand, either, how much I wanted to be a writer. Wanted me to plow corn. I used to sit on the cultivator and daydream."

About a year after that first telephone call, Bob came to pick me up one day at the Denver airport. He was driving the nearly restored Fleetwood in a coat of many colors.

"Look," he exulted. "Hood off a Denver millionaire's Cad, doors off a Texas oil baron's buggy, and the rest of it I stripped off Fleetwoods from Cheyenne to Colorado Springs. Nothing left to do but the paint job!"

And so, in a blue sedan with a green hood, maroon doors and black fenders, we started the 30-mile drive home to Boulder. People stared at our mottled job, but I wasn't disturbed. I was proud! As we left the airport, a Cadillac fancier hailed us to make an attractive offer.

The 1941 engine purred more smoothly than my new automobile's. Bob grinned with satisfaction. "I milled the heads 60 thousandths of an inch and raised the compression ratio, Pop. More power! She's good now for another 100,000 miles."

I slid back the Sunshine Turret Top and looked up the majestic Colorado Rockies. Just ahead loomed our foothills town of Boulder, and the red-tiled University of Colorado.

Bob turned to me. "Dad, I've decided what I'm going to take there next year—engineering."

And so, not long after he had bought his Cadillac to deliver telegrams, my son became a student in mechanical engineering. At the end of his first day at the University, he dashed home, his eyes shining. "They've got a Cadillac motor to experiment with in engine lab."

Looking back now, that was probably the most important phone call I ever had. Whereas Bob had never come to grips with anything in particular before, the Cadillac crystallized his interest in an engineering career and sharpened his application to *all* his work. As for myself, I learned how vital it is for a youngster to have an all-absorbing interest and to pour himself into *something*. Not necessarily a Cadillac, but something.

Out of our Cadillac crises Bob and I have grown a lot closer. He confides in me each new step. Just the other day he let me in on the latest. "Pop," he said, "I've got another big deal on." There it was, already parked in our backyard—another '41 Cadillac! **End**

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Are we headed for a BUST? *(Continued from page 31)*

quired now for $10,000 worth of stock. Moreover, the Federal Reserve is empowered to run the requirement up to 100%—wiping out buying on margin altogether. Officials raised the margin requirement a bit a few months ago, as a gentle reminder.

3. *Conservative investors are a more important factor than ever before.* This is due to the growth of insurance companies, investment trusts, mutual funds and private pension plans. Altogether such investors hold about $17 billion worth of stock. They buy for income; instead of dumping their holdings if the market should slump, they go right on buying. This is a great, new stabilizing influence.

4. *Price comparisons with 1929 don't mean much anyway.* The dollar has less value than it had then; the price of everything else has gone up, so why not stocks?

5. *Farm income, while it has taken something of a dip in the last two years, is now looking up.* As *Farm Journal* reports this month, agriculture's adjustments have put it on a solid base to go forward in 1955. The farmers' debt situation is encouraging, an ever-larger number of farmers are making extra money off the farm; the population increase means more consumers; and the farm export market is improving.

Fear of another collapse and another prolonged depression has haunted the stock market for 25 years. Now faith in the long-run growth prospects of the American economy is rising. Businessmen believe that President Eisenhower's hope for a $500 billion economy in 1965 is a reasonable one (TOWN JOURNAL, December, 1954). That tends to give the market strong psychological support—a kind that can't be measured by statistics.

What does this all boil down to?

One thing is sure: The Administration has no intention of letting speculation reach the runaway stage. They fear that a crash might well brand the Republican Party forever with the hated tag of boom-and-bust. They'll encourage the Federal Reserve to clamp on higher margin requirements if necessary. It's a big reason why a 1929 bubble seems unlikely. So much for the stock market.

The housing situation may surprise you: Government officials think the boom in residential construction contains more elements of danger right now than the stock market. They are worried about the "nothing down and 30 years to pay" type of credit. They're afraid it's ballooning construction beyond immediate needs and that a slump in demand may set in later.

As a counter, President Eisenhower has asked Congress for the power to stiffen terms on Government-insured or guaranteed mortgages. The lawmakers are reluctant, but may comply. Even without Congress, the Federal Reserve can allow interest rates to rise, and thus slow down some shoestring buyers. We may see either or both of these brakes applied gently before the year is over. **End**

Our boys too soft? HERE'S WHAT PARENTS SAY:

"WHAT do you think?" TOWN JOURNAL bravely asked its readers at the end of a recent article entitled *Our Boys—Are We Raising Them Too Soft?* "Are parents raising their sons too 'soft,' not only for the armed services but for civilian life as well? Let us hear from you."

We heard. And, half-buried by a paper avalanche, we're still hearing. Of the letters so far received, 52% agree with the article's accusation that American draftees are flabby; 48% are in sharp opposition.

Almost everyone felt that the comforts of modern living plus parental timidity were taking their toll of our youth. "As I write this," mused Robert Nederhood of Washington, "I look out the window. There used to be a lot of sledding there on the slope. I see no one today. The kids are either downtown at a show or sitting in some ice-cream parlor getting softer and softer and softer."

Commented V. P. Mock of Wisconsin: "Nowadays a great deal of education comes to a boy 'canned' in the form of film strips and TV. He is not taught to think but to absorb. His teachers can't discipline him for fear he may develop an inferiority complex."

Henry W. Munger of Missouri expressed his reaction with an anecdote. "When asked what impressed him most about life in America, a British Ambassador once replied 'The way American parents obey their children.'"

Men who served in the armed forces were almost unanimous in calling for tighter discipline and tougher training for troops. World War II veteran Fred C. Stewart of Idaho expressed the general sentiment: "I went into the Army when I was 18, and it made a man of me. I am in favor of a rugged training program, top physical condition and proper military discipline for our boys. It may save their lives."

But Mrs. Mildred Harvey of Ohio points out: "The differences in human personality are infinite. No Army Sergeant can take this infinitely dissimilar material and, by wrapping it in uniform packages and requiring of it uniform obedience, get a reliable product guaranteed to save us all, uniformly.

"By all means let's harden up our muscles, but not at the expense of our brains."

A host of writers thought that the poor initial showing and general low morale of our men in Korea stemmed from a lack of conviction in the cause they were fighting for—not from any trouble with the boys themselves.

"If America were really threatened," said George Alt of South Dakota, "its youth would not be found wanting in courage or endurance. But it is to their honor that they do not support the fantastic, immoral, unChristian policy of trying to force our ideas on the unfortunate people of Asia."

Mothers were divided just about evenly on the desirability of tough military training—or any military training at all—for their sons. Wrote Mrs. Millard Bayless: "Do you really think a boy taught to live by the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule can go into the Army and fight like a savage?"

From New York came this letter by Mrs. Francis J. Peifer: "I have five sons and I hate war as much as any mother; but, if they must go, I want them to be trained in the way that will best increase their chances for survival."

Perhaps the longings and hopes and frustrations of all the mothers—and all Americans—were best summarized by a California woman. "If other mothers feel as I do," she wrote, "we will go on raising our sons to love peace and hate war. And when they grow up, perhaps they will be able to go to other lands with a warm handclasp for all colors, creeds and religions—not with death and destruction."

Trouble is, will the other side let us do it? **End**

"Shall I wait for the draft?"

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motion can come quickly. In the upper grades it's slow.

8. The Marine Corps. It accepts volunteers for three years or more. All get the same basic training. Testing, classification and assignment parallel the other services. Promotion opportunities are about the same.

9. The Army—Two-Year Service. If the draft board's quota is full, a man can insist that the nearest Army recruiting station take him in for two years. *This is provided by law.* The Army doesn't like to do it. *But a man can meet his service obligation by this direct enlistment* if he can't go in through Selective Service.

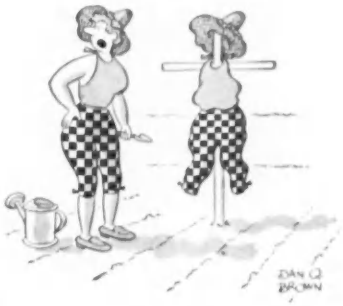
A two-year volunteer doesn't get any of the choices listed above. But he *can* choose his time to go.

10. Assume Jim decides to sit back and wait for the draft. If so, he may have trouble finding a job he'd really like.

Some men have waited four or more years to be drafted. Today's average draftee is 21½.

Just getting into the upper twenties is no protection against being drafted. Selective Service takes men in this order: "Delinquents" (those whose deferment has run out), volunteers, then from the draft list, beginning with the oldest men.

Deferments go to men whose jobs are essential to the nation's health, safety or interest. Until August 25, 1953, men with families—a wife and child—were automatically deferred, but this rule no longer applies if children came after that date. Draft boards today are taking men as old as 29—"delinquents" who were deferred but whose deferment has run out.



"Henry!"

These are the ten specific choices facing Jim—and thousands of young Americans like him. But if the National Reserve Plan becomes law, there will be two more possibilities:

First: Before his 19th birthday, a man can volunteer for either the National Guard or for membership in an Active Reserve unit of the Army, Marine Corps or Coast Guard. He will get six months' active duty for training, then will put in 9½ years of drill and summer camp duty. This will replace the original Choice 2, outlined above—volunteering for the National Guard.

Present plans are to accept 100,000 men a year. But that figure will depend on how many volunteer for active duty, on the size of the manpower pool (men available with a military obligation but no prior service) and on the national economy.

Volunteers will be accepted each year first-come, first-served until the quota, set by the President, is full.

Second: Two-year service in the Navy or the Marine Corps. These two services have said that they would take two-year enlistments, as the Army is required to do, *if* the National Reserve Plan passes. **End**

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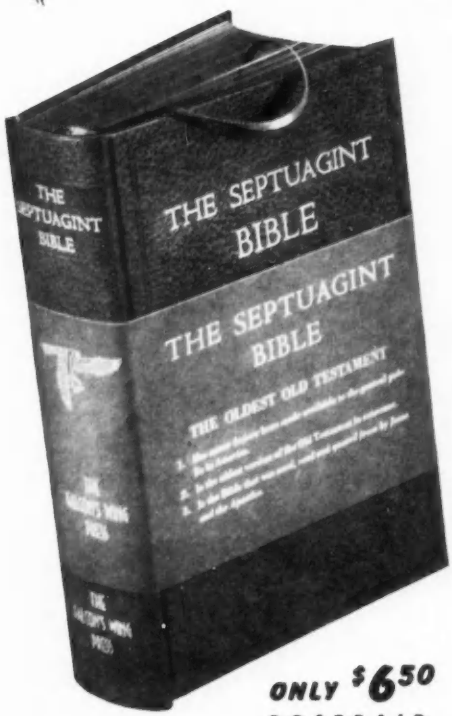

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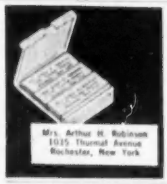

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To Buenos Aires

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volcanoes. You pass Chichicastenango whose strange native market is conducted entirely in whispers. Here you'll see Indians burning incense to pagan gods outside church doors. Overnighting at quaint little towns, buying tickets from one stop to the next, my journey continued—through El Salvador and Honduras and Nicaragua into Costa Rica and the dusty port of Puntarenas.

Anything can happen on these bus trips—and it usually does. Fording a stream in Honduras, our brakes jammed and left us awash. In Peru on a high mountain road with blind turns every 300 feet, our driver came to a screaming halt with outer wheels 3 inches over the edge of a 3,000-foot precipice—crossed himself at a portable shrine, maneuvered around the other bus and continued at the same speed, sounding his air horn at every blind turn so as to avoid slowing down! He crossed himself after each narrow shave—about every 20 minutes.

At one stop, I asked him how long he'd been driving. "Almost 25 years," he said. "Look, here's my permit." It was just two months old. "Oh yes," he said. "But I've been driving llama trains for 24 years."

There is no Pan American Highway between Costa Rica and Panama. You can fly cheaply to Panama. But I went by launch overnight (sleeping on a bench under Pacific stars) to Puerto Cortes far up a jungle river. Next day, a short ride in a dugout canoe and a hitch by local bus brought me to the banana town of Palmar Sur. On by train through endless miles of banana plantations to David in Panama—a two-day trip for $1.91! Then a 12-hour station-wagon ride and you're at the Panama Canal, in that sinners' and shoppers' paradise—Panama City.

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South of Panama into Colombia is an unbroken stretch of watery jungle through which no vehicle and few men have ever passed. You can fly—but the cheapest way is by deck passage on the weekly freighter to Buenaventura in Colombia. My 27-hour voyage cost $20, included food but no berth.

I ran into typical trouble crossing the border from Colombia into Ecuador. Apparently some stamp was missing from my visa and the Ecuadorean frontier official wouldn't let me in. So I walked back across the river bridge. But I'd "used up" my Colombian visa. I was stuck. I tried both sides again. Neither would let me in.

"But I can't live the rest of my life on this bridge," I told the Ecuadorean.

He was sorry. "But where will I sleep, how will I get food?"

"Perhaps from the river, señor? You have my sympathy."

A thought struck me. "How much is your sympathy worth?" I asked.

"Well . . . five sucres, señor." I thrust the equivalent of a quarter into his hand. "Ah, señor, I have a solution! I will give you a note to our office in Quito and you can proceed."

Even in remote spots, one can manage quite well without Spanish. I pretended at Ipiales that I spoke only English. The bus landed me at one end of town. I asked a man in the street: "Hotel?" He pointed the way and I walked there with my bag. I used sign language to tell the manager that I wanted to sleep and eat. Later, I told him: "Tulcan"—the name of the next town. "Automobil," he asked, "o autobus?" Anyone could understand. "Autobus," I said. He wrote down the address of the bus office. I shrugged. He drew a map. I followed it. At the bus office, I said "Tulcan" again. The clerk wrote down the fare, pointed to his watch to show when the bus was leaving. And that's all there was to it.

The trip to Quito crosses the equator—marked by a stone ball in the middle of the highway. From Quito's charming churches, monasteries and colonial buildings, I went by bus and switchback mountain railroad to the teeming port of Guayaquil. A 58¢ night trip on the *S.S. Jambeli* by-passed the final gap in the Pan American Highway and brought me to the world's silliest frontier.

Mutual dislike has led Peru and Ecuador to set up no less than 24 passport inspection points on this one road. As a result, inspection is a joke. At the fifth stop, the official noted my nationality as Paraguayan—no doubt because of a Paraguayan visa in my passport. So at the next stop a Bolivian Indian named Hernando exchanged passports with me. And we passed! (See our pic-

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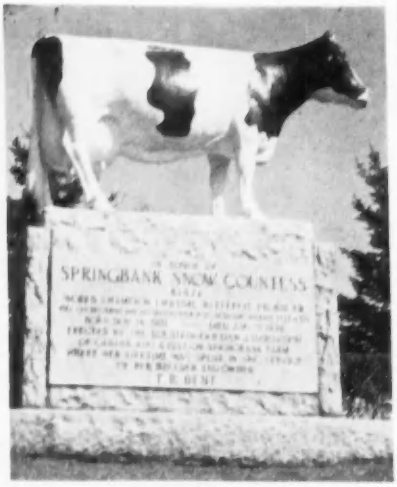

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ture.) At the next stop, Hernando decided to be a Yugoslav and I became a Burmese. By the 24th post I was a naturalized Egyptian of Tahitian birth and Hernando a refugee Tibetan emigrating to the Falkland Islands!

It's 830 arid miles from the frontier to Peru's capital. I broke journey at Trujillo to see the vast ruins that once were the proud pre-Incan city of Chan Chan. Lima, the Spanish viceregal "city of churches," is the greatest tourist center on South America's Pacific coast. From here, you can fly or go by train to Cuzco, the ancient Inca capital, and the Inca mountain-top fortress, Machu Picchu.

If you've ever dreamed of sailing down the mighty Amazon River, Lima is the jumping off point—for a run by bus and station wagon, straight up over the Andes to Pucallpa as the start of a seven week trip. While waiting for the fortnightly launch to Iquitos, you can hire a gun, guide and dugout canoe at $1 a day—for some of the finest jungle hunting in South America. The launch trip to Manaos is even more rewarding than the last stage by steamer to Belem. For when the launches stop to load firewood from jungle banks, you'll see alligators and half-savage Chama Indians. Total fare can be as low as $70 to Belem, $105 for the seven-week trip to Rio.

But let's get back to my present route from Peru—by bus and train through the ancient Inca empire, over the high Andes to Lake Titicaca and on to the bleak Bolivian plateau where life has changed little since the Spanish conquest—each village a pageant of multi-hued costumes, steep cobbled streets occasionally cluttered by herds of red-eared alpaca and vicuna.

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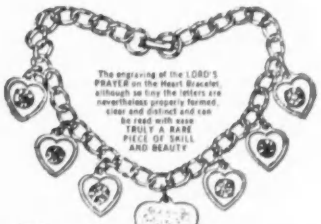

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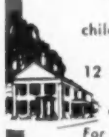

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Sometimes you can bargain on fares. "Cuzco," I said to one ticket seller who had haggled with six Indians ahead of me.

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"60," I said.

"80," he said.

"Okay."

"You sit in back," he said.

"No! I want to ride up front."

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"Guess I'll pay 100," I decided.

Numerous low-priced airlines also operate from La Paz. For $27 you can fly to Santiago in Chile (as against $110 charged by the major airlines). To Buenos Aires, the fare is $39.60 (instead of $115). These airlines are scheduled and have good safety records. You can also make a trip to Buenos Aires by road. But the best way I've found is to go by rail: a five-day trip at $8.03 down through the sugar fields and cattle ranges of Argentina.

Then at last, eleven weeks after I left Laredo, my train pulled into Buenos Aires. This exciting modern city of 3 million is also the starting point for many other low-cost trips. A picturesque train ride across the Andes to Santiago in Chile costs $9.75 second class, and a more scenic summertime route, including three steamer trips across Chile's mountain lakes, takes a week for about $35 first class.

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Thus, a 15-week, 13,000-mile grand tour of Latin America, allowing plenty of time for sightseeing in 17 countries along the way, worked out at $842.63. In 11 weeks journeying south, I spent $325 for rooms, meals and sightseeing, over the $106 fare. The return fare by air was $271 (plus $20 for a detour to fabulous Iguassu Falls). Lengthy stopovers at Rio and elsewhere stretched that trip to four weeks, and my costs for living and fun were $120. And the wonderful part of it all is that without any special travel skills, *you can do all this, too!* **End**

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A Tropical world

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were just as easy to care for.

An occasional feeding, cleaning the tank once in a while and adding fresh water when needed—that's all there is to keeping fish. Although it is well to feed them only once a day (or even every other day, as I do), they are not demanding. You can leave them unattended for up to a fortnight in a balanced aquarium.

This matter of balance is much misunderstood. It does not mean duplicating a pond—balancing air, light, plants, fish, algae and scavengers to live off each others' wastes and to keep the water oxygenated and clear.

A tank is not a pond: It's an artificial world on show, and absolute balance is impossible. (You'd need so many plants and snails that you'd barely see the fish.) You'll have to clean out bottom dirt from your tank at times, and guard against overfeeding and overcrowding—the two prime killers of fish in a tank. Then, the real aquarium "balance"—in the delicate chemical composition of the water—can be set up by the fishes themselves.

And that is why the water in an aquarium improves with age and theoretically should never be changed. To make up for evaporation, always add "conditioned" tap water—water that has stood for at least 24 hours to vent chlorine and other chemicals harmful to fish.

How do I get started? For an initial cost as low as $2, you can buy a bowl, a plant or two, a snail and a pair of Guppies. But for a real beginning, plan to spend $12 to $15 (plus shipping charges) for a 5½-gallon tank ($3 minimum) with electric overhead light and reflector ($2.90), gravel (10¢), plants ($1), snails (45¢) and 8 to 12 fish ($5).

Start with just a few fish and almost no gadgets—you can build up later. You can skip a filter if you don't overfeed or overcrowd. Get a narrow siphon hose to "vacuum-clean" loose dirt off bottom gravel. I never feed more than the fish can clear up in five minutes (and I feed that slowly), nor keep more than two or three small fish per gallon of water. Scavengers won't keep a tank completely clean. Use a scraper (35¢) to clean the sides occasionally—though a razor blade, *untreated* fine steel wool or even *clean* coarse paper will remove the thin film of algae that collects.

What about heating the water?

Many so-called tropicals come from fairly cool mountain streams. So you can do without a heater if your house is normally warm and the tank not too near a window. If temperature drops severely at night, throw an old blanket over the tank or keep tank lights burning. Use a thermometer to be sure the water stays between 70 and 76 degrees —though most fish can stand changes of 10 degrees more or less for a short time if gradual.

What do I feed the fish?

Avoid medicated and goldfish foods and don't rely on manufacturers' claims that other prepared foods are complete fish diets. Supplement them occasionally with live food (say Daphnia from a nearby pond or frozen from a dealer, or a culture of white worms) or mix Pablum or oatmeal with raw fish, beef or liver chopped so fine it's almost liquid. Feed sparingly, for fresh food fouls water fast. For fun, hang a small piece of raw meat on a string in the tank (for not more than 24 hours) and let the fish nibble!

What fish should I buy first?

Start with just a few of the cheaper varieties—they're hardier, to survive a beginner's errors. My choice for a starter collection of a dozen fish would include a pair or two that swim near the surface—flashing Danios, darting Zebras or that strangely dignified flying fish, the Hatchet. (He won't fly from an aquarium, however.) I'd get at least three bottom-scavengers like armored Catfish from South America (*Corydoras*) or their sucker-mouthed brothers (*Otocinclus* and *Plecostomus*), freshwater flounders or the strange Ghost Shrimp, and an eel-like loach—say a Chinese Kuhlii or a Japanese "weatherfish."

That leaves 5 to 7 fish for the main body of the tank. For the odd one, I'd get an eyeless Mexican Cave fish or a black sailfin Mollie, both of them prodigious algae eaters who will help keep the water clear. A pair of Guppies should be on your list and a pair of Angelfish, that are said to mate for life. Then you should have a pair of really vivid little fish—Neon Tetras, glowing electric blue and scarlet—if you will pay $1 or more; otherwise highly colored members of the Platy family, say a Red Tuxedo, or Dwarf Gouramies, Swordtails, Rasboras and any of the Barbs except the Tiger (*Barbus sumatranus*) which is a poor community fish.

Later, you may want to specialize —as I do, in Tetras—or go in for oddities like the well-named Four Eyes, the transparent Glass fish, the Archer fish of Southeast Asia that shoots down flying insects with a well-aimed stream of water or the Leaf fish, a miracle of protective coloration. Others may appeal for interesting breeding habits—like the Egyptian Mouthbreeder. But avoid the glorious Siamese Fighting fish (*Betta splendens*), unless you have a specially divided tank to keep the males from killing each other.

What about plants and snails?

Start with hardy Vallisneria (about a dozen, 50¢, in a five-gallon tank) and Sagittaria (2 for 25¢) as a center plant. Later you can go in for more glamorous plants that flower underwater. As for

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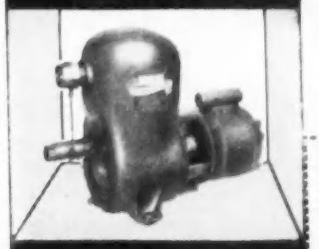

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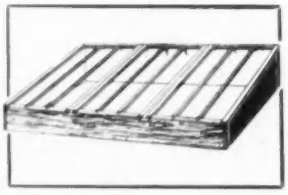

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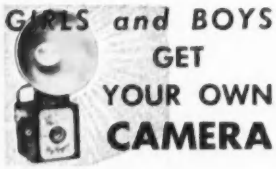

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Old enough at eighteen?

"If they are old enough to fight, they are old enough to vote."

Should the voting age be lowered to 18? President Eisenhower is among those who think so. He is urging Congress to do something about it.

A great many changes have been made in voting procedures since 1789. The original concept of the Government was that the United States should be a representative republic. The people picked their Representatives in Congress but the Representatives voted on the laws. The people elected the state legislators, but the legislators chose the United States Senators; and in some states for a while the legislators also elected the Governors. The general idea was that decisions by the selected representatives of the people were likely to be wiser than those made directly by the people themselves.

Thomas Jefferson wanted Virginia's *state* Senators to be chosen by the state House of Representatives. "I have ever observed," he said, "that a choice by the people themselves is not generally distinguished by its wisdom . . . but give to those so chosen by the people a second choice themselves, and they generally will choose wise men."

Until about 1830 most states required men to own property if they were to vote. As education became more general and conditions changed, the property qualification was set aside.

From time to time suffrage was extended and the individual vote given greater weight. Negro suffrage came in 1870. About 40 years ago the direct primary had begun to replace the convention system for nominating party candidates. By 1916 United States Senators were elected by popular vote, and in 1920 women had attained the right of suffrage. All of these steps tended to dilute the original concept of the representative republic; excellent arguments as to the fairness and justice of each step were advanced and accepted.

The proposals to reduce the voting age to 18 are in line with the long-prevailing tendency to permit more people to vote, and to vote upon more things. Is the privilege of voting at 18 just? Is it necessary? Is it wise?

"Old enough to fight, old enough to vote" may be questioned. The military age is based on physical rather than on mental maturity. Should we also say, "Too old to fight, too old to vote?" Girls of 18 will be included among the prospective voters.

Undoubtedly many young people at 18 could vote more intelligently than some of their elders. The real question, of course, should be whether lowering the voting age will give us any better government. It might, if the six million in the 18-20 groups would vote *more* sensibly than their elders.

Nearly half of those who can qualify as voters do not take the trouble to go to the polls. Isn't it more important to instill a sense of responsibility into those who now have the duty to vote, than to extend the right so that it may be even more widely ignored?

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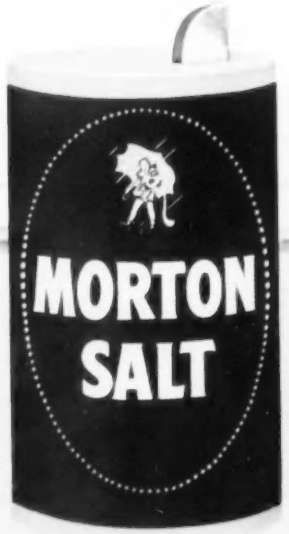

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